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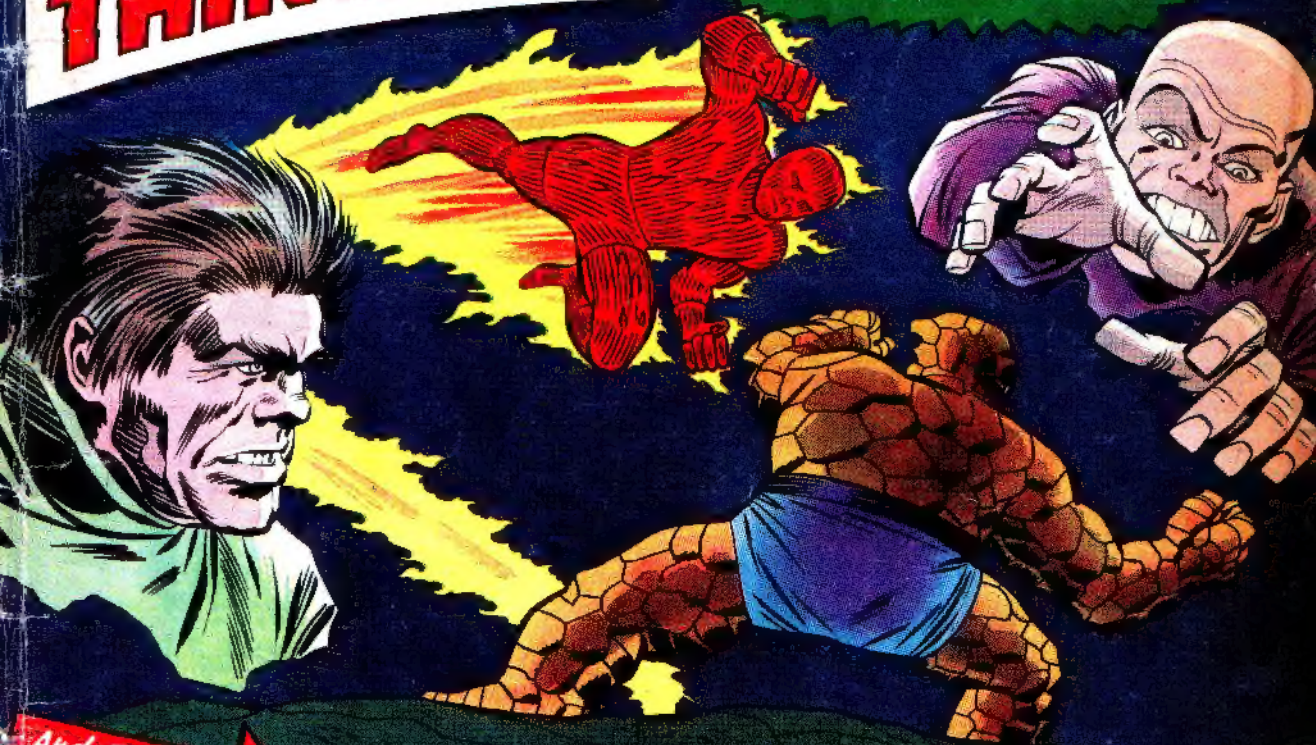
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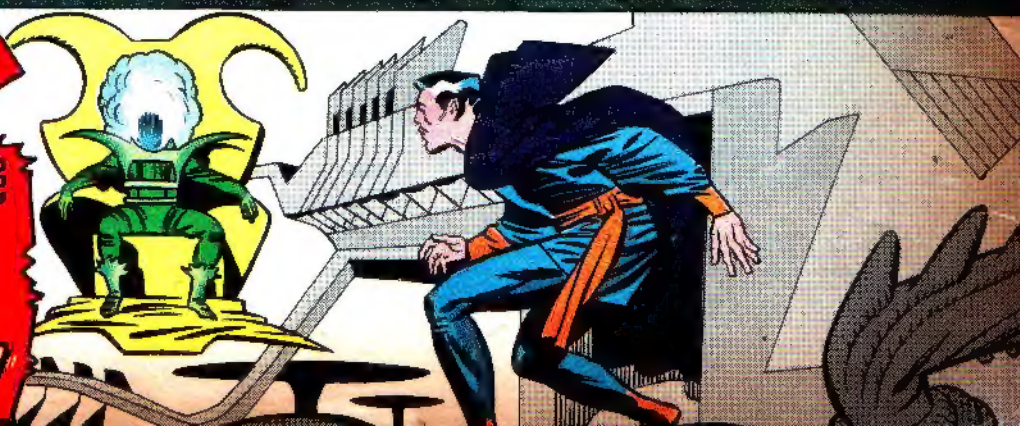
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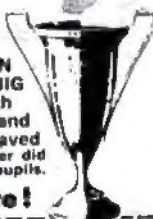
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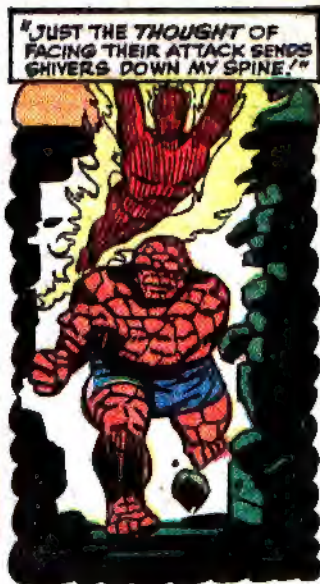
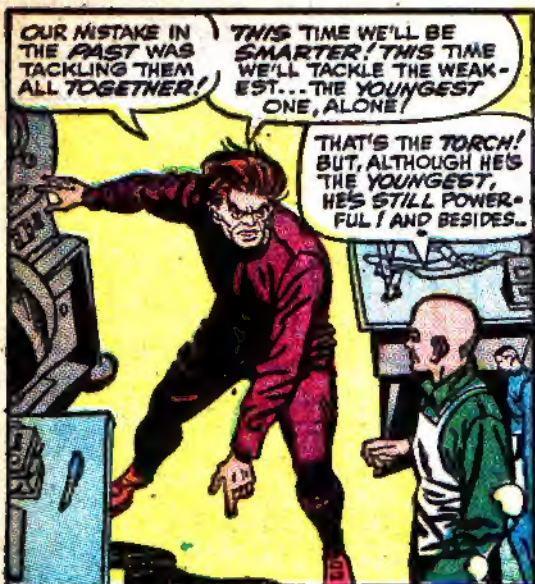
OUR MISTAKE IN THE PAST WAS TACKLING THEM ALL TOGETHER!

THIS TIME WE'LL BE SMARTER! THIS TIME WE'LL TACKLE THE WEAKEST... THE YOUNGEST ONE, ALONE!

THAT'S THE TORCH! BUT, ALTHOUGH HE'S THE YOUNGEST, HE'S STILL POWERFUL! AND BESIDES...

HE'S ALWAYS TEAMED UP WITH THE THING! WHEN THEY COMBINE THE TORCH'S FLAME WITH THE THING'S STRENGTH, THEY'RE UNBEATABLE!

"JUST THE THOUGHT OF FACING THEIR ATTACK SENDS SHIVERS DOWN MY SPINE!"

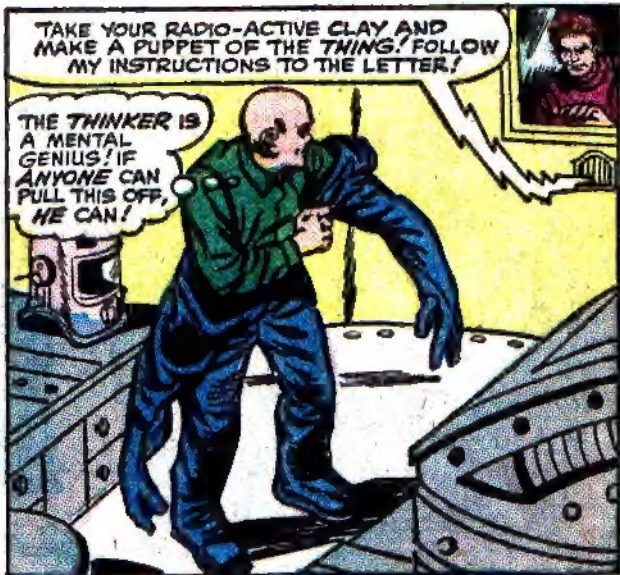
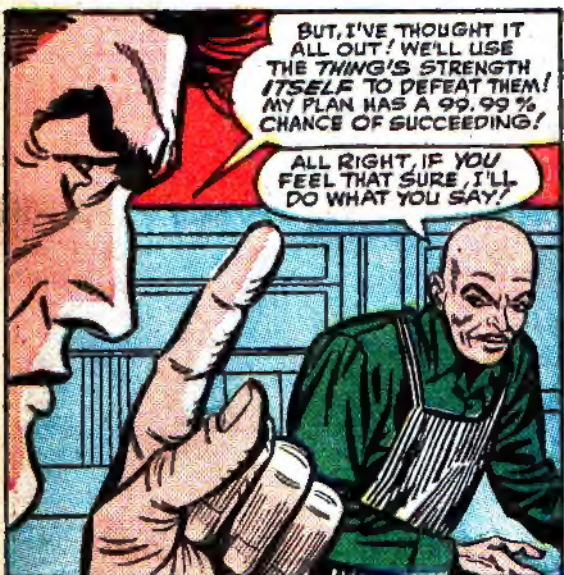


BUT, I'VE THOUGHT IT ALL OUT! WE'LL USE THE THING'S STRENGTH ITSELF TO DEFEAT THEM! MY PLAN HAS A 99.99% CHANCE OF SUCCEEDING!

ALL RIGHT, IF YOU FEEL THAT SURE, I'LL DO WHAT YOU SAY!

TAKE YOUR RADIO-ACTIVE CLAY AND MAKE A PUPPET OF THE THING! FOLLOW MY INSTRUCTIONS TO THE LETTER!

THE THINKER IS A MENTAL GENIUS! IF ANYONE CAN PULL THIS OFF, HE CAN!

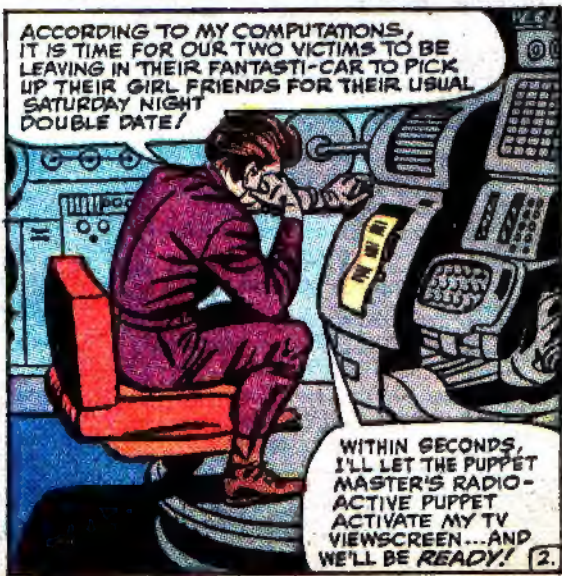


I HAVE CAREFULLY PLANNED EVERY MOVE... AND MY ELECTRONIC COMPUTERS INDICATE MY COMPUTATIONS ARE FLAWLESS! WE SHALL BEGIN BY USING THE THING TO DESTROY THE TORCH!

SOMEHOW, THIS TIME I HAVE A FEELING WE'LL SUCCEED! WHAT A TRIUMPH IT WILL BE FOR US IF WE COULD SLAY THE TORCH! IT WOULD BE WORTH ANYTHING!

ACCORDING TO MY COMPUTATIONS, IT IS TIME FOR OUR TWO VICTIMS TO BE LEAVING IN THEIR FANTASTI-CAR TO PICK UP THEIR GIRL FRIENDS FOR THEIR USUAL SATURDAY NIGHT DOUBLE DATE!

WITHIN SECONDS, I'LL LET THE PUPPET MASTER'S RADIO-ACTIVE PUPPET ACTIVATE MY TV VIEWSCREEN... AND WE'LL BE READY! 2.



AND, THE MAD THINKER IS, AS USUAL, 100 % CORRECT IN HIS DEDUCTION / FOR, AT THAT VERY MOMENT...

WHAT DID YOU THINK OF THAT JOKE I TOLD YOU, BENJAMIN?? HEY, BEN...? WELL, FOR CRYIN' OUT LOUD!!

THE BIG APE FELL ASLEEP ON ME?!

HAWRRR!!

WELL, I'LL TEACH HIM TO GET SOME SHUT-EYE WHEN I'M TALKIN' TO HIM! THIS'LL SURE WAKE HIM UP IN A HURRY!

HEY! WHAT'S GOIN' ON HERE??

JOHNNY! ARE YOU SOME KINDA NUT OR SOMETHIN'?? I'M TOO BEAUTIFUL TO DIE!

OKAY, BIG BUDDY, I'LL LEVEL HER OFF! BUT NEXT TIME STAY AWAKE WHEN I'M MAKIN' A FUNNY!

SO! YOU DID THAT ON PURPOSE, HUH?? TO ME... THE SWEETEST, GENTLEST FRIEND AN UNDESERVING CRUMB LIKE YOU EVER HAD!

AW, SIT DOWN, LOUDMOUTH... YOU'RE ROCKIN' THE BOAT! YOU'LL SCARE THE PIGEONS IF YOU DON'T WATCH OUT!

GO AHEAD, JUNIOR... KEEP TALKIN' THAT WAY... AND THEN ONE DAY... **POW!** SCRAMBLED TORCH!

AND, AT THAT VERY SECOND, AT THE MAD THINKER'S PRIVATE ISLE, WHICH HOUSES HIS VAST COMPLEX OF ELECTRONIC COMPUTERS...

IT IS EXACTLY 6:18 P.M. THE PUPPET MASTER SHOULD CALL TO ME IN ONE AND A HALF SECONDS...

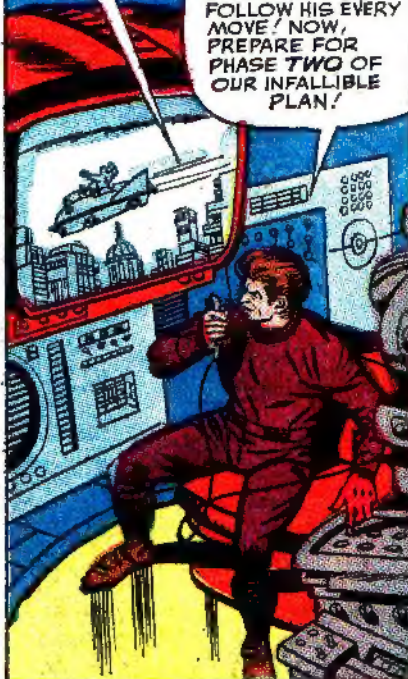
THINKER! I'VE FINISHED THE PUPPET OF THE **THING**!

I MUST BE GETTING CARELESS! MY TIME ESTIMATE WAS ONE-TENTH OF A SECOND TOO SLOW!



AH, MY TV. VIEWSCREEN HAS COME TO LIFE, ACTIVATED BY THE RADIO-ACTIVITY OF YOUR PUPPET, JUST AS I PLANNED!

AND, SO LONG AS YOU HOLD THE PUPPET OF THE UN-SUSPECTING **THING**, THE SCREEN WILL ENABLE US TO FOLLOW HIS EVERY MOVE! NOW, PREPARE FOR PHASE TWO OF OUR INFALLIBLE PLAN!



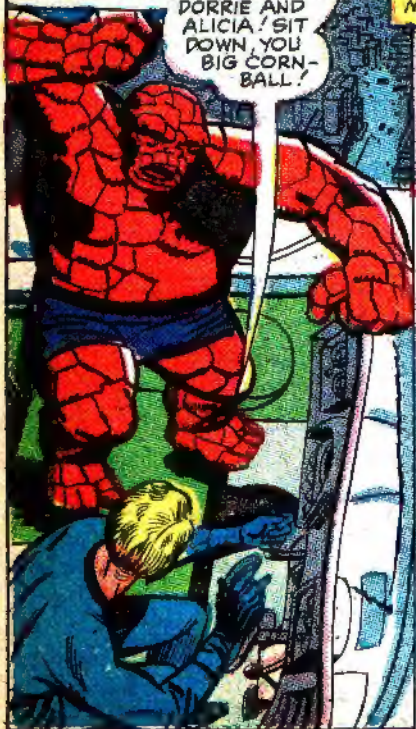
ALL READY, THINKER! THE **THING** IS NOW UNDER MY MENTAL CONTROL! WHAT IS THE FIRST COMMAND I MUST GIVE HIM?

IN EXACTLY TWO SECONDS, HAVE HIM **ATTACK** THE TORCH... GET READY... **GO!**

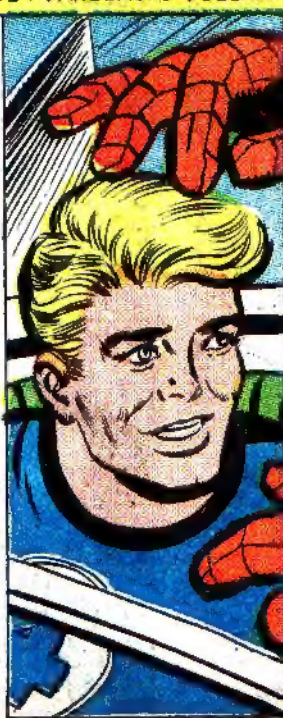


AND, IN THE SPEEDING FANTASTI-CAR, HIGH ABOVE THE CITY...

OKAY, BENJAMIN...LET'S QUIT KIDDIN' AROUND! WE'LL BE LATE FOR OUR DATE WITH DORRIE AND ALICIA! SIT DOWN, YOU BIG CORN-BALL!



BUT, AS THE **THING**'S HAND GETS CLOSER TO THE UNWARY TORCH, THE TORRID TEEN-AGER HAS NO REASON TO SUSPECT THAT HIS POWERFUL PAL **ISN'T** KIDDING AROUND... BUT IS UNDER THE COMPLETE MENTAL CONTROL OF ONE OF THEIR MOST DANGEROUS FOES!

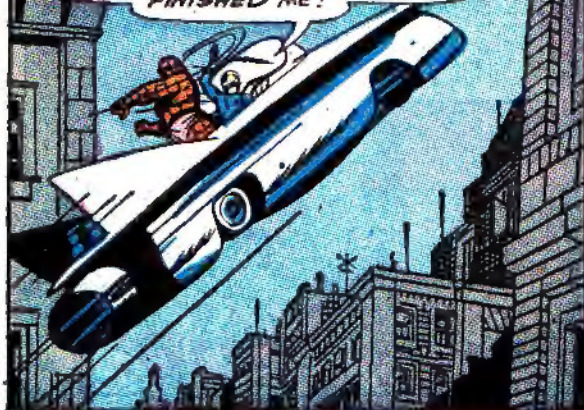


NOW! COMMAND HIM TO **STRIKE!** AT THIS SPLIT-SECOND! **NOTHING** CAN FOIL MY PLAN...IT'S **PERFECT!**



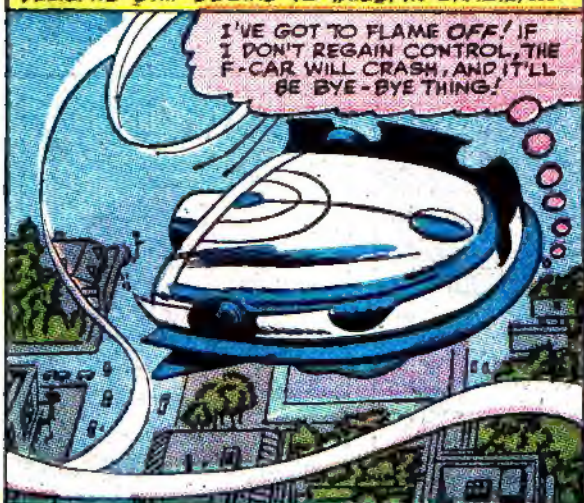
AND STRIKE HE DOES! BUT, ACTING UNDER ANOTHER'S CONTROL, THE THING CANNOT USE HIS NORMAL SPEED, AND THE STARTLED JOHNNY STORM HAS TIME TO DODGE HIS PARTNER'S POWERHOUSE BLOW!

BEN! WHAT'S WITH YOU! IF THAT PUNCH LANDED, IT WOULD HAVE FINISHED ME!



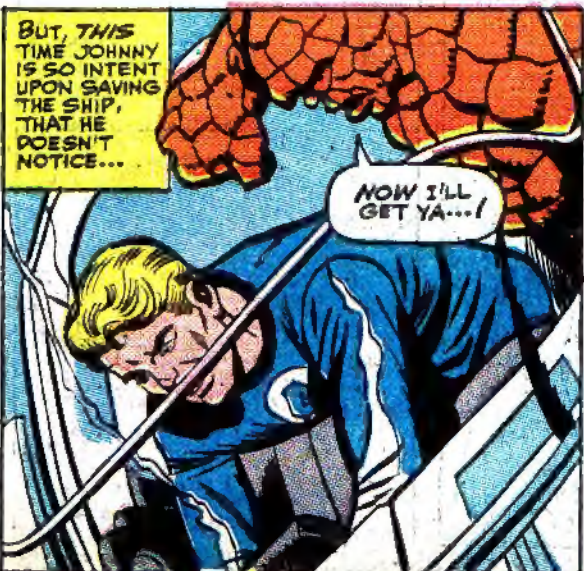
BUT, WITH HIS FLAME ON, THE TORCH CAN'T HOLD THE FANTASTI-CAR'S CONTROLS....AND SO THE DELICATE SHIP BEGINS TO TAILSPIN CRAZILY...

I'VE GOT TO FLAME OFF! IF I DON'T REGAIN CONTROL, THE F-CAR WILL CRASH, AND IT'LL BE BYE-BYE THING!



BUT, THIS TIME JOHNNY IS SO INTENT UPON SAVING THE SHIP, THAT HE DOESN'T NOTICE...

NOW I'LL GET YA...!

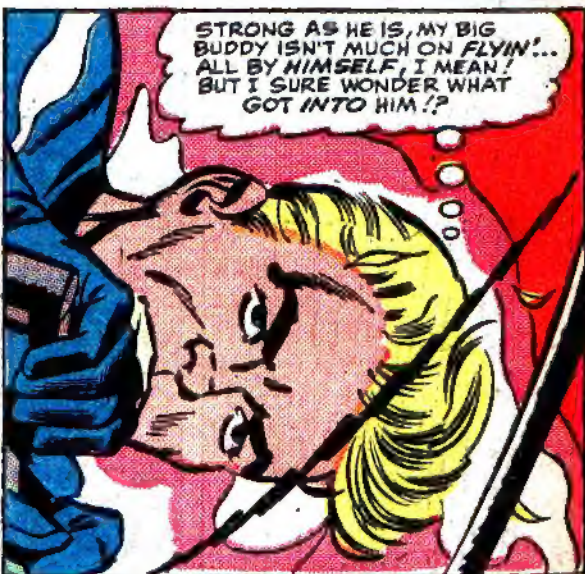


I DON'T KNOW WHAT'S GOIN' ON, BUT IF IT'S A FIGHT YOU WANT, THE HUMAN TORCH WILL TAKE OVER NOW!

FLAME ON!

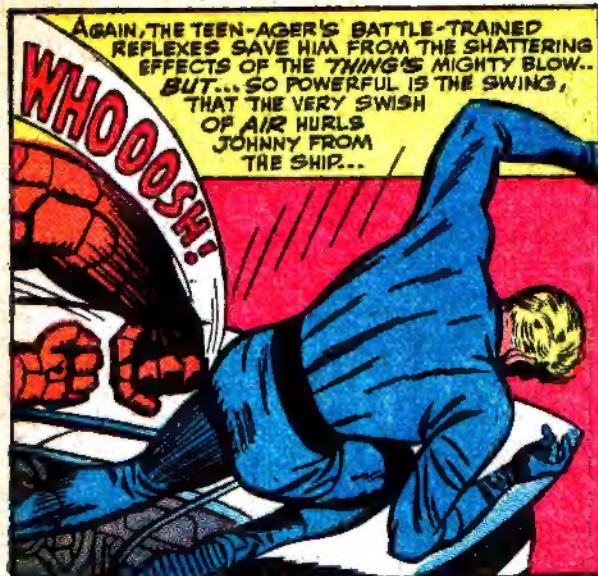


STRONG AS HE IS, MY BIG BUDDY ISN'T MUCH ON FLYIN'... ALL BY HIMSELF, I MEAN! BUT I SURE WONDER WHAT GOT INTO HIM!?

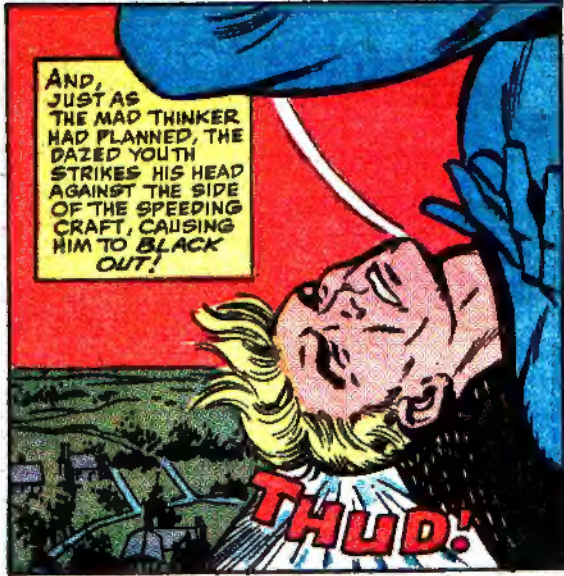


IT WORKED! THE TIMING IS PERFECT! THIS IS THE END OF THE TORCH!





AGAIN, THE TEEN-AGER'S BATTLE-TRAINED REFLEXES SAVE HIM FROM THE SHATTERING EFFECTS OF THE THING'S MIGHTY BLOW... BUT... SO POWERFUL IS THE SWING, THAT THE VERY SWISH OF AIR HURLS JOHNNY FROM THE SHIP...



AND, JUST AS THE MAD THINKER HAD PLANNED, THE DAZED YOUTH STRIKES HIS HEAD AGAINST THE SIDE OF THE SPEEDING CRAFT, CAUSING HIM TO BLACK OUT!



INASMUCH AS HIS LIFE-**SAVING** FLAME CANNOT BLAZE ON WITH-**OUT** HIS CONSCIOUS MENTAL CONTROL, JOHNNY STORM PLUNGES TOWARDS THE EARTH BELOW, AND SEEMINGLY CERTAIN DOOM!



WHILE THE THING, STILL UNDER THE PUPPET MASTER'S SPELL, GLOATS IN TRIUMPH!

HAN! NOTHING CAN SAVE HIM NOW!!



BUT, SOMEWHERE DEEP IN THE MIGHTY ADVENTURER'S BRAIN, A NAGGING THOUGHT TRIES TO REACH THE SURFACE... A THOUGHT THAT HIS YOUNG PAL MUST BE RESCUED!



WE DID IT, THINKER! WE'VE FINISHED OFF THE TORCH/WE DID IT!!

JUST AS I SAID! JUST AS I PLANNED!



AND, AS THE MESMERIZED THING WATCHES JOHNNY STORM FALLING TO EARTH, THAT ONE NAGGING THOUGHT POUNDS HARDER AND HARDER WITHIN HIM... BUT CAN'T BREAK THE PUPPET-MASTER'S INCREDIBLE SPELL...

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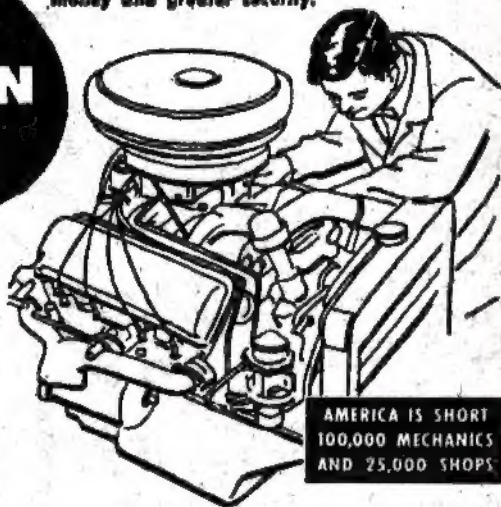
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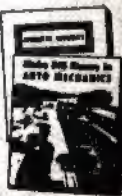
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EDITOR'S NOTE: THE SEQUENCE YOU ARE WITNESSING ALL TAKES PLACE WITHIN A FEW FLASHING SPLIT-SECONDS...

BUT, NATURE WORKS IN STRANGE, MYSTERIOUS WAYS! THOUGH UNABLE TO ESCAPE HIS TRANCE, THE SIGHT OF JOHNNY'S DIRE DANGER CAUSES EVERY FIBRE OF THE THING'S BEING TO STRAIN AND SEETH...



...UNTIL, UNABLE TO STAND THE STRESS...THE UNBEARABLE TENSION... ANY LONGER, THE VERY BLOOD CELLS OF HIS BODY CHANGE...



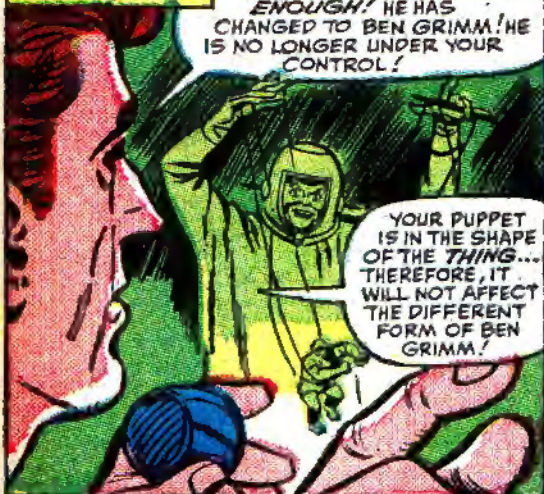
...AND HE REVERTS BACK TO HIS FORMER HUMAN FORM...TO THE TRUE IDENTITY OF RUGGED BEN GRIMM!

I'M NO LONGER THE THING! I'M NORMAL AGAIN!



MEANWHILE, THE MAD THINKER HAS WITNESSED THE SUDDEN TRANSFORMATION ON HIS VIEW-SCREEN, AND...

ENOUGH! HE HAS CHANGED TO BEN GRIMM! HE IS NO LONGER UNDER YOUR CONTROL!

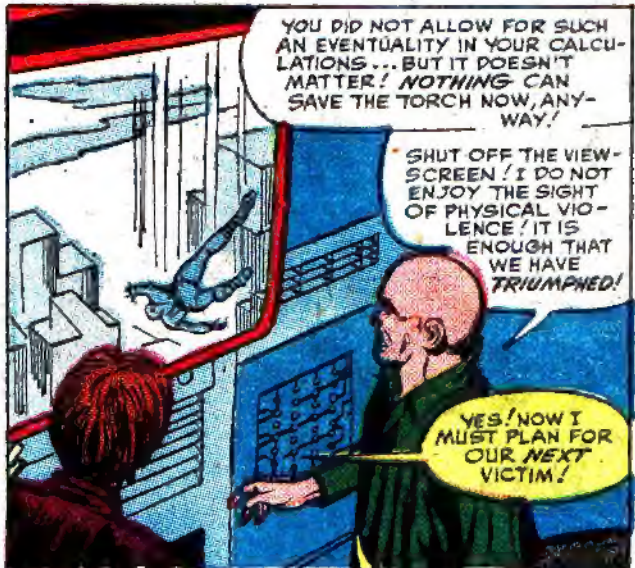


YOUR PUPPET IS IN THE SHAPE OF THE THING... THEREFORE, IT WILL NOT AFFECT THE DIFFERENT FORM OF BEN GRIMM!

YOU DID NOT ALLOW FOR SUCH AN EVENTUALITY IN YOUR CALCULATIONS... BUT IT DOESN'T MATTER! NOTHING CAN SAVE THE TORCH NOW, ANYWAY!

SHUT OFF THE VIEW-SCREEN! I DO NOT ENJOY THE SIGHT OF PHYSICAL VIOLENCE! IT IS ENOUGH THAT WE HAVE TRIUMPHED!

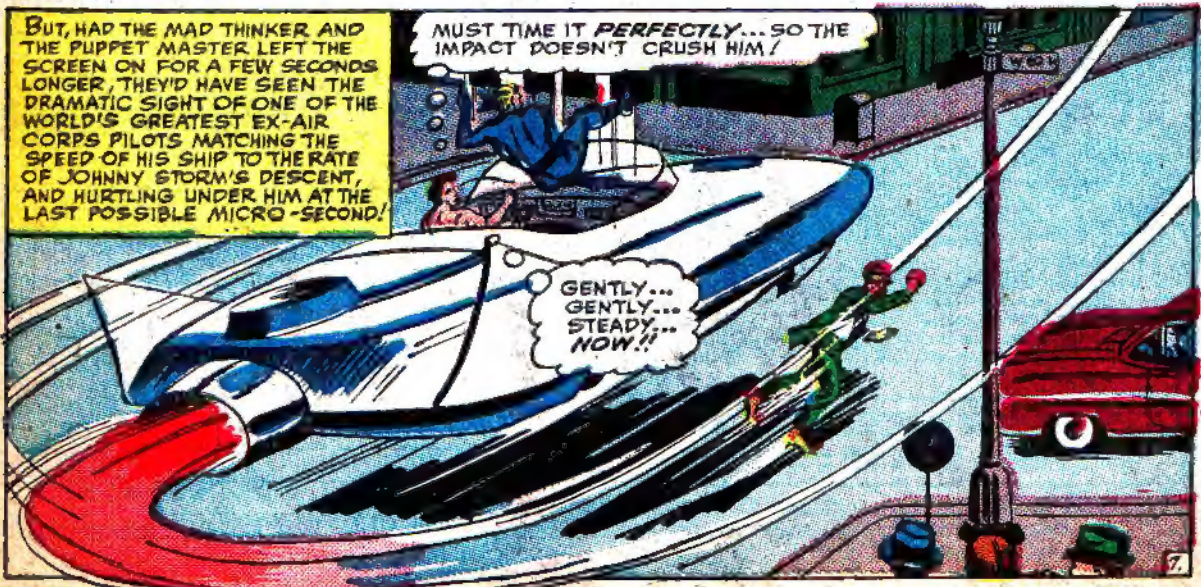
YES! NOW I MUST PLAN FOR OUR NEXT VICTIM!



BUT, HAD THE MAD THINKER AND THE PUPPET MASTER LEFT THE SCREEN ON FOR A FEW SECONDS LONGER, THEY'D HAVE SEEN THE DRAMATIC SIGHT OF ONE OF THE WORLD'S GREATEST EX-AIR CORPS PILOTS MATCHING THE SPEED OF HIS SHIP TO THE RATE OF JOHNNY STORM'S DESCENT, AND HURLING UNDER HIM AT THE LAST POSSIBLE MICRO-SECOND!

MUST TIME IT PERFECTLY... SO THE IMPACT DOESN'T CRUSH HIM!

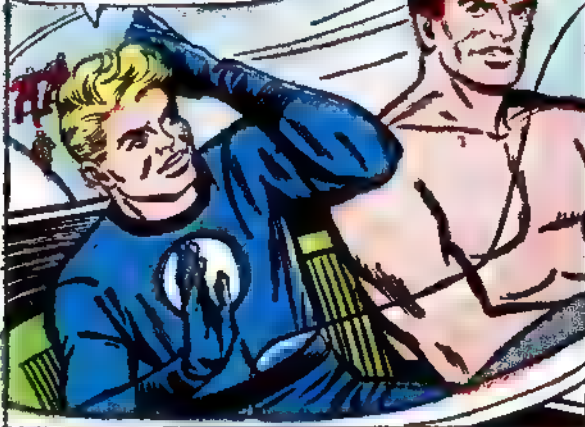
GENTLY... GENTLY... STEADY... NOW!!



SECONDS LATER, AS JOHNNY RECOVERS CONSCIOUSNESS...

I'M NOT SURE MYSELF, JOHNNY!

WHAT HAPPENED?? HOW DID... BEN!! LOOK AT YOU! YOU'RE YOURSELF AGAIN!! HOW...??



I DON'T KNOW WHAT CAUSED IT... NOR HOW LONG IT'LL LAST, BUT...BUT...

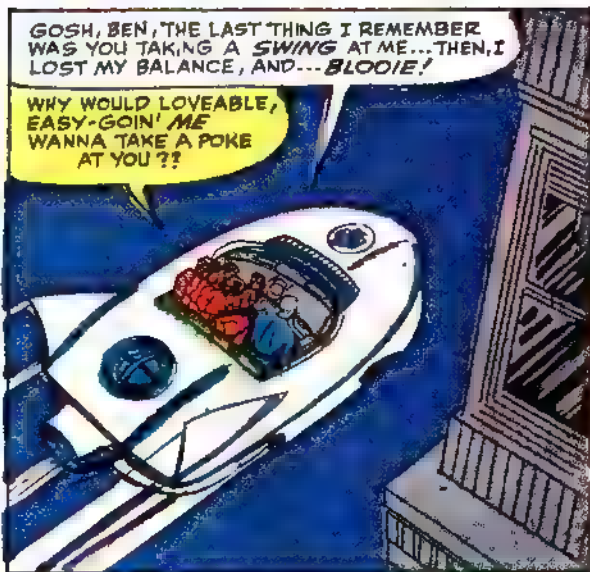


WELL, I GUESS THIS WRAPS THAT SUBJECT UP!! SLEEPIN' BEAUTY IS BACK AGAIN!



GOSH, BEN, THE LAST THING I REMEMBER WAS YOU TAKING A SWING AT ME... THEN, I LOST MY BALANCE, AND... BLOOIE!

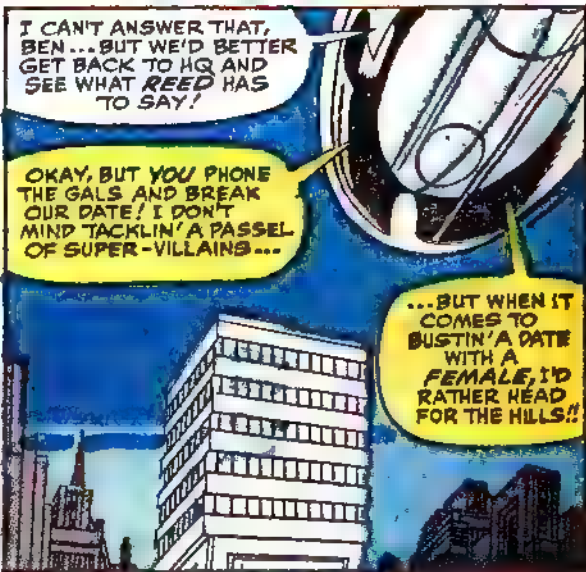
WHY COULD LOVEABLE, EASY-GOIN' ME WANNA TAKE A POKE AT YOU??



I CAN'T ANSWER THAT, BEN... BUT WE'D BETTER GET BACK TO HQ AND SEE WHAT REED HAS TO SAY!

OKAY, BUT YOU PHONE THE GALS AND BREAK OUR DATE! I DON'T MIND TACKLIN' A PASSEL OF SUPER-VILLAINS...

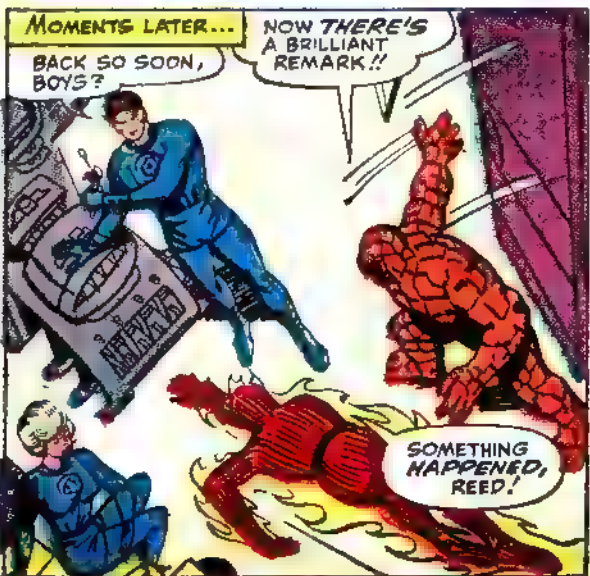
...BUT WHEN IT COMES TO BUSTIN' A DATE WITH A FEMALE, I'D RATHER HEAD FOR THE HILLS!!



MOMENTS LATER...

BACK SO SOON, BOYS?

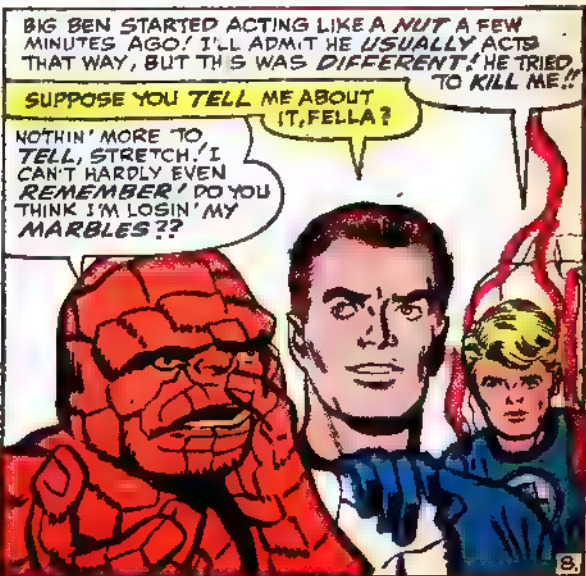
NOW THERE'S A BRILLIANT REMARK!!

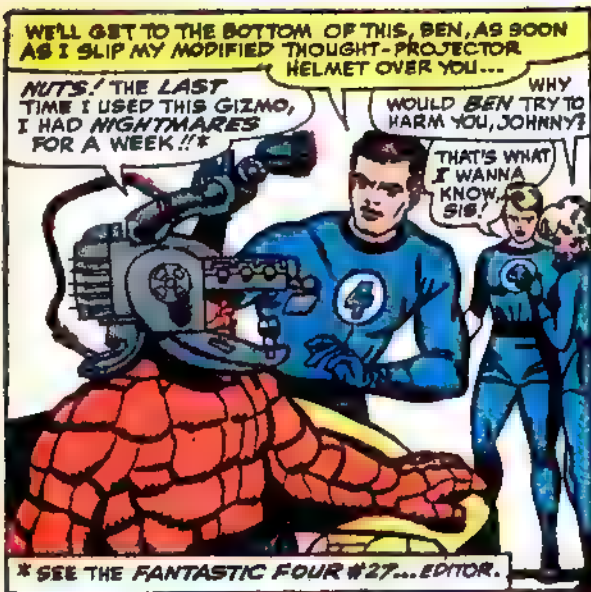


BIG BEN STARTED ACTING LIKE A NUT A FEW MINUTES AGO! I'LL ADMIT HE USUALLY ACTS THAT WAY, BUT TH S WAS DIFFERENT! HE TRIED TO KILL ME!!

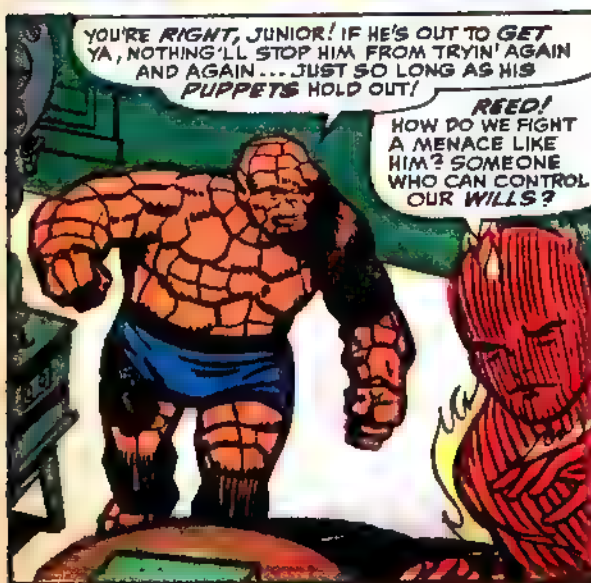
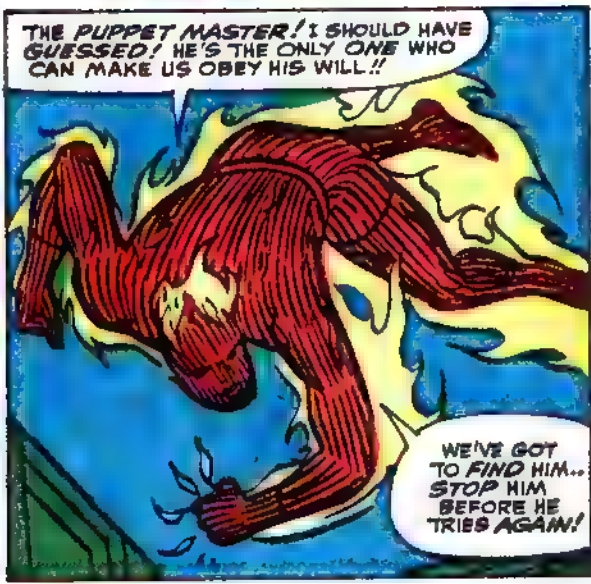
SUPPOSE YOU TELL ME ABOUT IT, FELLA?

NOTHIN' MORE TO TELL, STRETCH. I CAN'T HARDLY EVEN REMEMBER! DO YOU THINK I'M LOSIN' MY MARBLES??





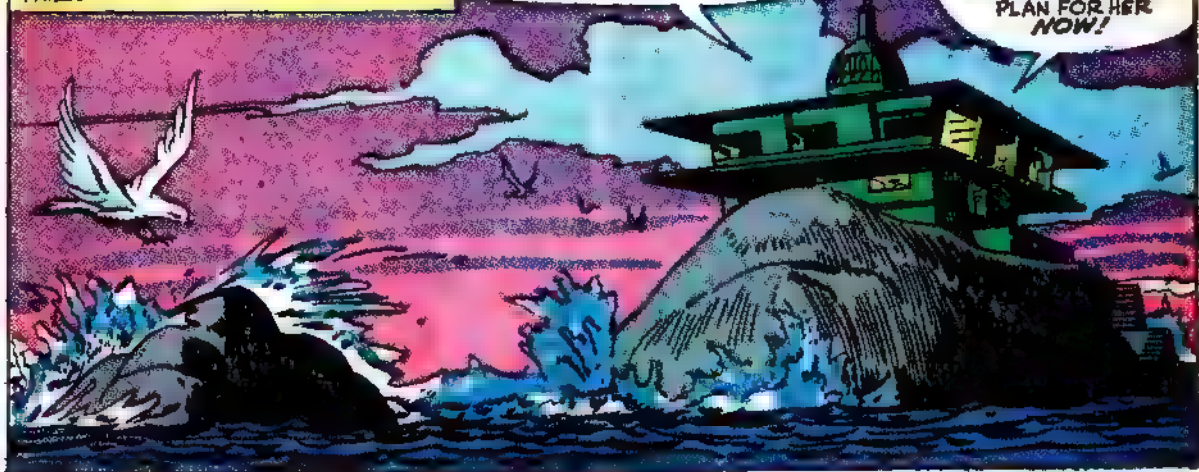
* SEE THE FANTASTIC FOUR #27...EDITOR.



BUT NOW, LET'S LEAVE THE FABULOUS F.F. FOR A MOMENT, AND RETURN TO THE SCHEMING DEADLY DUO, WHO ARE NOT YET AWARE THAT THEIR PLAN HAS FAILED...

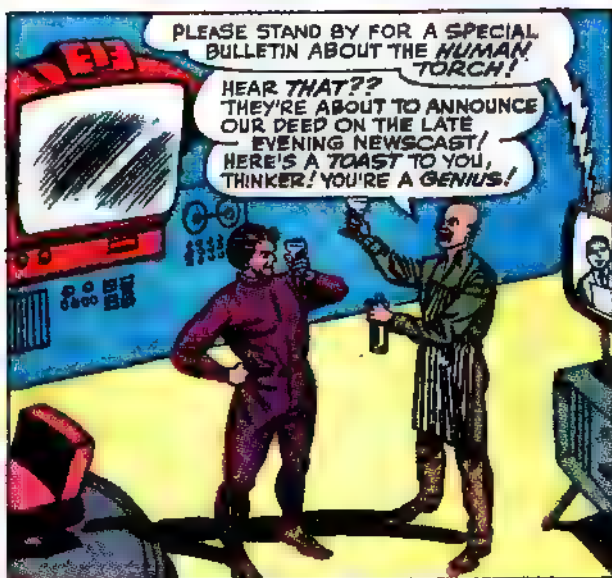
NOW THAT WE'VE ELIMINATED THE TORCH, WHO SHALL BE OUR SECOND VICTIM OF THE ACCURSED FOURSOME??

I HAVE SELECTED THE FEMALE MEMBER OF THE TEAM... **SUE STORM!** I'M WORKING ON A SPECIAL PLAN FOR HER NOW!



PLEASE STAND BY FOR A SPECIAL BULLETIN ABOUT THE **HUMAN TORCH!**

HEAR THAT?? THEY'RE ABOUT TO ANNOUNCE OUR DEED ON THE LATE EVENING NEWSCAST! HERE'S A TOAST TO YOU, THINKER! YOU'RE A GENIUS!



THE FLAMING YOUTHFUL FIREBRAND HAD A NARROW ESCAPE EARLIER THIS EVENING WHEN HE FELL FROM HIS SPEEDING AIR VEHICLE AND WAS SAVED FROM DISASTER BY THE QUICK THINKING OF BENJAMIN GRIMM...

THINKER! DID YOU HEAR THAT??!

SAVED BY GRIMM?! AFTER ALL MY WORK... ALL MY PLANNING!!



I KNEW IT!! I WAS AFRAID OF THIS!! I TOLD YOU... THE FANTASTIC FOUR ARE UNBEATABLE!

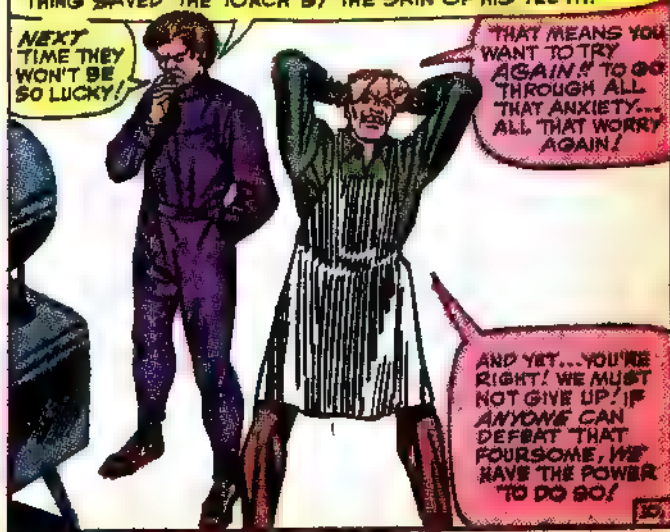
BALDERDASH! THEY'RE NO MORE UNBEATABLE THAN THE METS! LOOK HOW EASILY WE ATTACKED THEM... NOW CLOSE WE CAME TO SUCCESS!



THIS TIME AN UNEXPECTED PHYSIOLOGICAL CHANGE IN THE THING SAVED THE TORCH BY THE SKIN OF HIS TEETH.

NEXT TIME THEY WON'T BE SO LUCKY!!

THAT MEANS YOU WANT TO TRY AGAIN? TO GO THROUGH ALL THAT ANXIETY... ALL THAT WORRY AGAIN!



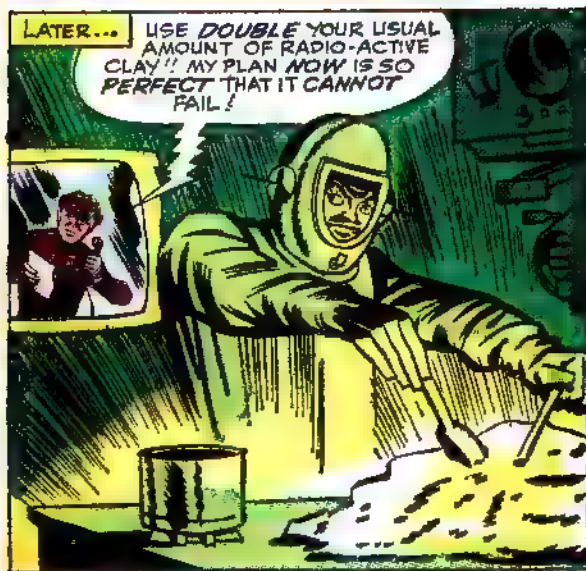
AND YET... YOU'RE RIGHT! WE MUST NOT GIVE UP! IF ANYONE CAN DEFEAT THAT FOURSOME, WE HAVE THE POWER TO DO SO!



NOW GO... PREPARE ANOTHER PUPPET OF THE THING, MY TALENTED FRIEND! MEANWHILE, I SHALL CONSULT MY COMPUTERS AGAIN!



... AND THIS TIME I'LL COME UP WITH A PLAN THAT'S MORE THAN 99.99% FOOLPROOF! THIS TIME I WILL ALLOW NO UNFORESEEN WHIM OF FATE TO KEEP ME FROM MY GOAL!



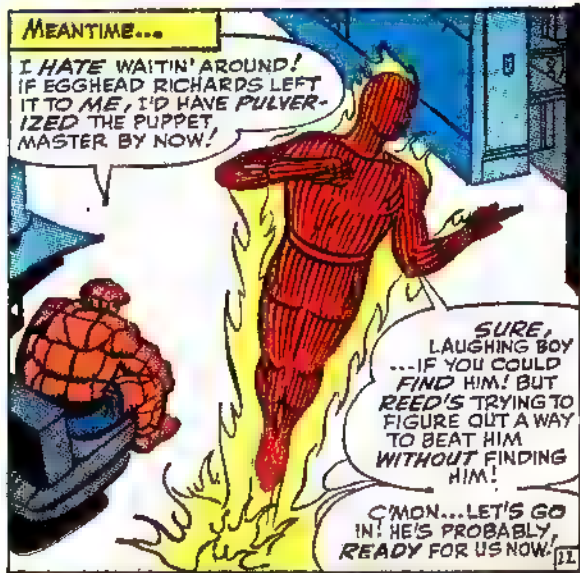
LATER... USE DOUBLE YOUR USUAL AMOUNT OF RADIO-ACTIVE CLAY!! MY PLAN NOW IS SO PERFECT THAT IT CANNOT FAIL!



THERE! I'VE NEVER USED SO MUCH FISSIONABLE MATERIAL IN ONE PUPPET BEFORE! I WONDER WHAT THE THINKER IS PLANNING THIS TIME??



WELL, IT DOESN'T MATTER TO ME... JUST SO LONG AS MY NEARLY MAGICAL CLAY, AND MY UNIQUE POWER, ARE USED TO VANQUISH MY HATED ENEMES!



MEANTIME...

I HATE WAITIN' AROUND! IF EGGHEAD RICHARDS LEFT IT TO ME, I'D HAVE PULVERIZED THE PUPPET MASTER BY NOW!

SURE, LAUGHING BOY... IF YOU COULD FIND HIM! BUT REED'S TRYING TO FIGURE OUT A WAY TO BEAT HIM WITHOUT FINDING HIM!

C'MON... LET'S GO IN! HE'S PROBABLY READY FOR US NOW!

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BOYS! MEN!



Mike Marvel

ARE YOU WEAK, ALWAYS TIRED, LACK PEPP?

Whether you're thin and scrawny, or sagging with unsightly fat — my secret DYNAPLEX method will train deep, virile and red-blooded vitality into your puny, exhausted body. Once DYNAPLEX makes you a two-faced dynamo of manly beauty, zipping with power, glowing with magnetic appeal—you'll be bulging with get-up-and-go. Man, you'll be really ALIVE—thriving with zest and zip roaring energy—for the first time in years!

PROOF!

"I tried two other systems, before my buddy told me about DYNAPLEX. It really works—and how! I've put two inches of solid muscle on my biceps, three inches on my chest. It's like magic!" L. G., New York City.

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"DYNAPLEX is the best yet! Only three weeks and I have more dates than I can handle!" I am telling all my pals about DYNAPLEX." F. S., Chicago, Ill.

ARE YOU ASHAMED OF YOUR BODY NOW?

Fel—do YOURSELF a favor! Take a good long look in a mirror. Do you see a puny starved body—scrawny arms—hony shoulders—a flabby stomach and skiny legs? Do they laugh and grin when you take off your shirt?

BELIEVE IT OR NOT—I can add solid pounds of rippling, steely man MEAT to your build. I can take those skeleton arms and PACK EVERY INCH with explosive virile MAN MUSCLE. I can take that caved in chest and build on it rugged inches of strong sleek MAN-SIZED BRAWN. I can clothe your skiny frame with GIANT RIPPING DYNAPLEX MUSCLES that will have them gasping with awe and admiration! And with NO tiring exercise, NO high-priced bar-bells or gym equipment!

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Follow! Mail the coupon now, and receive Mike Marvel's FREE GIFT to you. This exciting and informative book discloses a secret method for developing a new, almost MAGNETIC way of being attractive and popular! All parties, dances at the beach—you will have the people clustering around you with breathless interest. What does it all mean? That we don't live in this sexless age. The answer to your GIFT from Mike Marvel! Fill out and mail the coupon NOW!



Yes! If they LAUGH at you now when you take off your shirt—they'll be amazed—once they've seen the rugged DYNAPLEX BODY I can give you! I'll build you a tough massive body—shoulders clad with solid inches of he-man BRAWN. I'll give you bulging biceps, trip-hammer fists, power-packed legs, and a chest that will have you popping the buttons off your shirt with pride! (—says MIKE MARVEL, "Builder of Champion Bodies")

In my classes this same course of instruction would cost \$710.00.

Or is your problem a body sagging with soft rolls of unhealthy, bunched FAT? Puny muscles—sagging stomach—bloated face—aima heavy with layers of BLUBBER? Are you ASHAMED to go to the beach and let them see your "FAT MAN" PHYSIQUE?

If so, wake up, fat! This is IT! I will peel off that fat and give you a lean virile DYNAPLEX BODY, armored with a sheath of hard tough handsome muscle. I can build you into a healthy, streamlined HERCULES, bulging with dynamic manly strength. I'll give you a lean neck, hard midsection—legs muscled like coil and springs. I can pack solid DYNAPLEX into your fists and give you rugged handsome build brim-full of the magnetic ST. ERBODY APPEAL. And with NO starvation diets — NO fatiguing calisthenics — NO expensive health food!

HOW DYNAPLEX BUILDS BEAUTIFUL BODIES

DYNAPLEX is the modern miracle of body-building. It takes no strenuous exercises, crash diets, protein foods, and no weights or bar-bells. DYNAPLEX is the amazing discovery of a West German Doctor whose research into the science of Strength found a thrilling new way to build GIANT BRAWNY MUSCLES in ten minutes a day. With DYNAPLEX you "Baw" each muscle once—in a certain way—that is more effective than if you exercised that muscle 20, 30, even 100 times the old fashioned way. With DYNAPLEX you get bigger results in ten minutes than other hours of strutting and groaning, heaving heavy weights.

DYNAPLEX coaxes each muscle in your body to bring out its round, steely fullness and setiny symmetry. DYNAPLEX packs that muscle with glowing vibrant new strength and energy—FAST! In ten minutes a day I can cover your body frame with healthy rippling muscle—give you a deep, powerful chest—solid shoulders and iron wrists—tough, slim midsection and trim, steel spring legs—simply thru "DYNAPLEXING" each muscle once a day! There's nothing wrong with the bar-bell and weightlifting method, but why sweat and strain your way to a streamlined symmetrical SAMSON STRONG BODY—when you can do it better—bigger—faster—easier with the DYNAPLEX SECRET?

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MY SECRET NEW DYNAPLEX METHOD

CAN BUILD YOU A MAGNIFICENT NEW HE-MAN-MUSCLED BODY IN JUST TEN MINUTES A DAY—with absolutely NO weights—NO bar-bells—NO EXERCISE AT ALL!

STRONG-MAN BODY THAT'S ADMIRABLE!

Be honest. Down deep you KNOW you envy the way with the virile, magnificent build, every man and boy secretly desires a broad or way back, a solid man muscled chest, handsome he-man shoulders, arms rippling with tough steely sinews, a narrow waist, slim hips and springs, muscles packed less like a fellow with TWO-FISTED BIG MUSCLE APPEAL... they only laugh at skinny guys as fatso's!

Let me give you a glowing new body, brimming over with energy and irresistible inches of solid muscle on your chest—he-man appeal. I can build three inches of liver and brawn on your shoulders. I will mold you a handsome super-body of terrific strength, give you a crushing grip, legs rammed with steel springs. A lean fast rock solid punch-proof midsection. Pack your body with energy and stamina that will help make you popular.

GIVE ME TEN MINUTES A DAY — THAT'S ALL!

After DYNAPLEX, you'll be able to roll up your sleeves and take off your shirt and for the first time in your life, you'll be PROUD of your manly build. Yes, pal, say goodbye to your weak, flabby frame—get ready for adventure and romance with a solid physique that glows and vibrates with virile he-man appeal. You'll be really proud to have people see your MAGNIFICENT HE-MAN MUSCLES at the beach or gym. And, when the fellows stare with envy and jealousy when friends crowd around to squeeze your iron hours or touch your bulging brawny chest—when they ask in amazement HOW you did it—tell them about the Magic Secret of DYNAPLEX!

Your Pal,
MIKE MARVEL

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- ☐ Develop crushing grip, two-fisted punch-power

MIKE MARVEL SYSTEM, Dept. M413
285 Market Street
Newark, New Jersey.

Okay, Mike! Here's \$1.98. Send me your COMPLETE (not me else to buy later) body-building course. I want to use your new secret of DYNAPLEX to win a HERCULES HE-MAN BODY in just ten minutes a day. Rush my copies of the DYNAPLEX SYSTEM and my free gift book "Secrets of Being Attractive" to your name, back guarantee, in plain wrappers. If I don't develop a splendid physique and become more popular you will refund my money in full.

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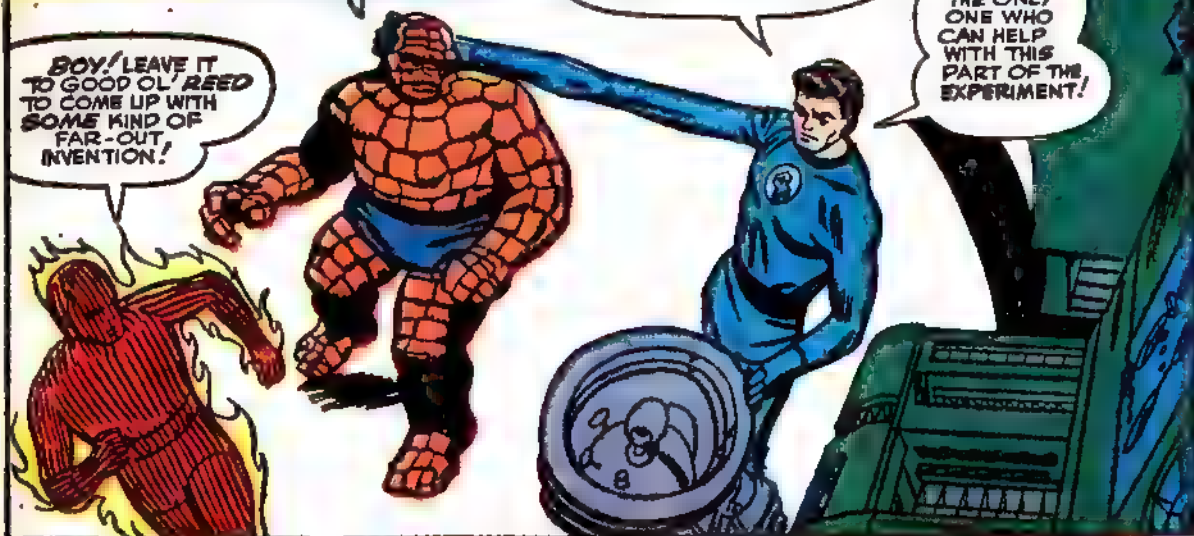
AND, JOHNNY'S
REMARK PROVES
TO BE CORRECT!

UH-OH! ANOTHER
ONE OF YOUR NUTTY
CORNBALL CONTRACTIONS!

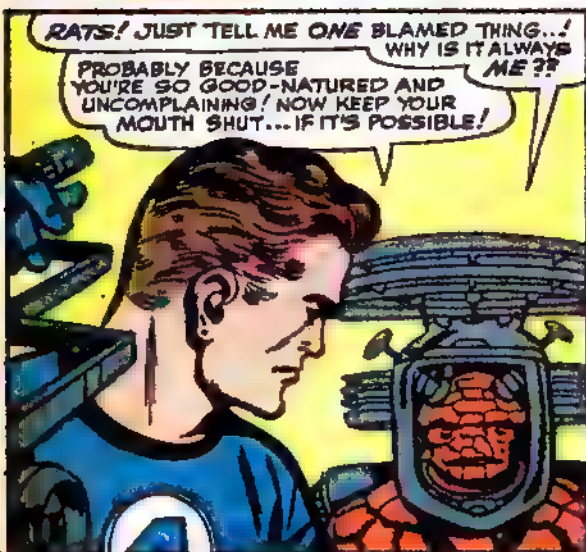
THAT'S RIGHT, BENJAMIN...
AND IT'S JUST FOR YOU!
COME HERE, PARTNER...
DON'T BE SHY!!

YOU'RE
THE ONLY
ONE WHO
CAN HELP
WITH THIS
PART OF THE
EXPERIMENT!

BOY! LEAVE IT
TO GOOD OL' REED
TO COME UP WITH
SOME KIND OF
FAR-OUT
INVENTION!

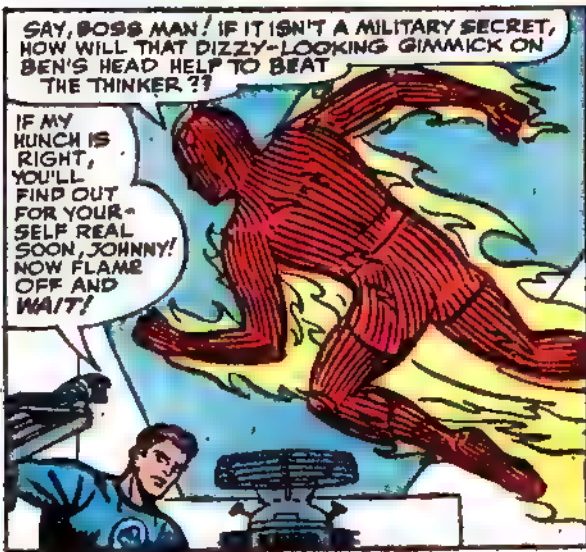


RATS! JUST TELL ME ONE BLAMED THING...
WHY IS IT ALWAYS
ME??
PROBABLY BECAUSE
YOU'RE SO GOOD-NATURED AND
UNCOMPLAINING! NOW KEEP YOUR
MOUTH SHUT... IF IT'S POSSIBLE!



SAY, BOSS MAN! IF IT ISN'T A MILITARY SECRET,
HOW WILL THAT DIZZY-LOOKING GIMMICK ON
BEN'S HEAD HELP TO BEAT
THE THINKER??

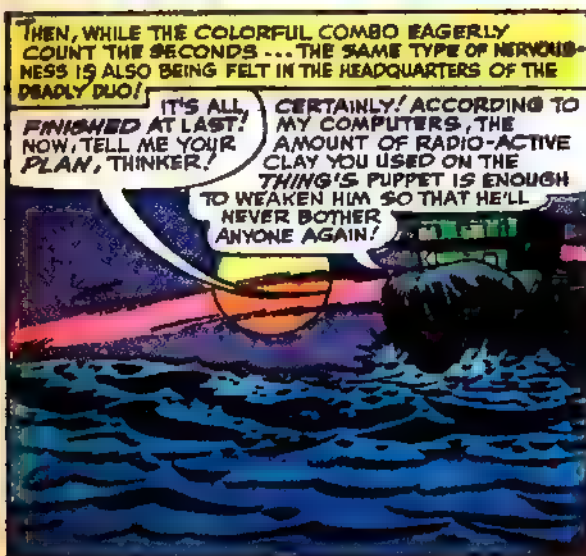
IF MY
HUNCH IS
RIGHT,
YOU'LL
FIND OUT
FOR YOUR-
SELF REAL
SOON, JOHNNY!
NOW FLAME
OFF AND
WAIT!



THEN, WHILE THE COLORFUL COMBO EAGERLY
COUNT THE SECONDS... THE SAME TYPE OF NERVOUS-
NESS IS ALSO BEING FELT IN THE HEADQUARTERS OF THE
DEADLY DUO!

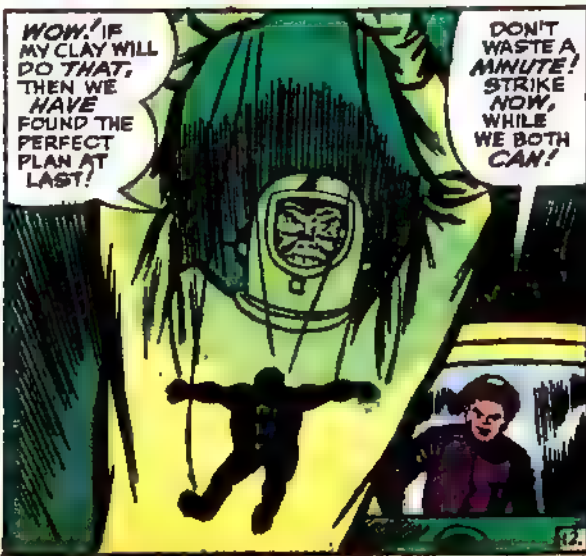
IT'S ALL
FINISHED AT LAST!
NOW, TELL ME YOUR
PLAN, THINKER!

CERTAINLY! ACCORDING TO
MY COMPUTERS, THE
AMOUNT OF RADIO-ACTIVE
CLAY YOU USED ON THE
THING'S PUPPET IS ENOUGH
TO WEAKEN HIM SO THAT HE'LL
NEVER BOTHER
ANYONE AGAIN!



WOW! IF
MY CLAY WILL
DO THAT,
THEN WE
HAVE
FOUND THE
PERFECT
PLAN AT
LAST!

DON'T
WASTE A
MINUTE!
STRIKE
NOW,
WHILE
WE BOTH
CAN!



QUICK! COMMAND THE THING TO GROW WEAKER! THINK HARD... HARDER... HARDER! VICTORY IS ALMOST WITHIN OUR GRASP!



BUT, AS THE RADIOACTIVE PUPPET DOES ITS WORK... ITS AMAZING EMANATIONS REACHING THE THING... HIS STRANGE HELMET BEGINS TO GLOW... TO SHIMMER... AND THEN...



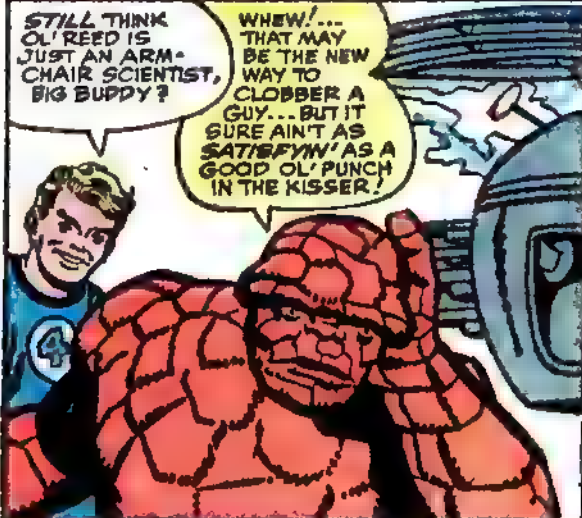
THE VERY POWER WHICH THE DEADLY DUO WANTED TO STRIKE THE THING... TO WEAKEN HIM... STRIKES BACK AT THE PUPPET MASTER... **INSTEAD**... HURLING HIM OFF HIS FEET WITH A MIGHTY POWER FEEDBACK!



DUNNNNN!
THEY TRICKED US! THEY WERE READY FOR ME! THEY FOUND A WAY TO BOUNCE MY OWN ATTACK BACK TO ME!

STILL THINK OL' REED IS JUST AN ARM-CHAIR SCIENTIST, BIG BUDDY?

WHEN!... THAT MAY BE THE NEW WAY TO CLOBBER A GUY... BUT IT SURE AIN'T AS SATISFYIN' AS A GOOD OL' PUNCH IN THE KISSER!



IT MAY NOT BE AS SATISFYING BEN... BUT I USED THAT DEVICE FOR A REASON! WHEN THE PUPPET MASTER RECOVERS, HE'LL KNOW WE HAVE A DEFENSE AGAINST HIM... AND HE MAY NEVER ATTACK US AGAIN!!



AND, BACK IN THE THINKER'S LAB, AS THE PUPPET MASTER LIES HELPLESSLY ON THE FLOOR...

I'LL GET THEM YET! I'LL NEVER REST TILL I DO! SOMEHOW... SOME WAY... I'LL GET THEM!



BUT, UNTIL THAT TIME COMES, LET'S TURN THE PAGE AND SEE WHAT DEVILRY DR. STRANGE IS ABOUT TO FACE...

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LETTERS TO

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STRANGE MAILS

Dear Stan and Steve,

Congratulations on your Dr. Strange—master of mysticism and occultism and all the metaphysical sciences, of telepathy, telekinesis and hypnosis, and his terrific powers of the supernatural, black magic and superior mystical arts. He was also great as a guest star friend of the F.F. using his powers in the crusade of good over evil. His skilled triumphs over Baron Mordo are very commendable—Mordo is a worthy though evil opponent. Plaudits to Stan and Steve for their many enjoyable tales!

John Cirkoth, 96 Howard Ave.
Ansonia, Conn.

And may the hoary hand of Hoggath never hold you in its grasp, Johnny!

Dear Stan and Dick,

Who is stronger—the Thing or the Sub-Mariner? Of all your characters I like Benjamin J. Grimm the best, or, to those who are not in this world, the Thing My sister, who is 27 and a schoolteacher, likes Thor. My brother likes Sub-Mariner. Who do you like best out of those three? It had better be Ben because I buy the comic books! Personally, I think all your mag's are great! Keep up the good work and I'll keep buying!

Joe Schifano, 78 Lyon Ave.
E. Providence 14, R.I.

Personally, we're kinda partial to Doctor Doom—so sue us! As for the Thing's strength vs. that of the Sub-Mariner, we have a feeling that bashful Benjamin has the edge on land, but nautical Namor would be boss underwater! Okay, jolly Joey?

Dear Stan and Dick,

I have been "confined to quarters" for a year with Rheumatic Fever. Last August my brother picked up a STRANGE TALES comic called "Human Torch vs. the Asbestos Man." It was great! Since then I have been collecting your excellent comics—I now have about 75 of them. They certainly helped me live through this last year. I know almost all of your Marvel Age Comics by heart, all of which I eagerly await at the city where I go each Friday. Friday is now my favorite day of the week. See you next ish! Michael Martin, 450 DeHaven Ave.
Peandel, Pa.

Okay, Mike ol' pal—but don't bother buying any more STRANGE TALES! We're sending you a gift subscription—compliments of Johnny Storm!

Dear Stan and Steve,

In one of the early Dr. Strange stories after a girl had saved him by answering his mental message, she asked to become a disciple but Dr. Strange refused. Please let's have another look at her. Boy, would it make good reading!

Benjamin Burenstein, 167 Stoneway Lane
Bala-Cynwyd, Pa.

We haven't run into her for a while, Benjy, but how about the doll Doc met in this ish?? Will SHE do?

Dear Stan and Dick and Steve,

Hurray for Neal Preston! I agree with him 100%. Dr. Strange is terrible, crummy, etc. (I could go on forever). If he were thrown out of STRANGE TALES there would be room for another great marvelous Human Torch story. It would make this book twice as popular. I'm sure the majority of Marvel fans (and who isn't?) agree with me and Neal enough to start a petition if necessary.

Richard Davison, Box 304
Laytonville, Cal.

Where've you been, Dick?? Our ol' amulet-wearer is one of the most popular characters in the Marvel lineup! Anyway, we'd be afraid to drop him—do you think we want him to get the Vishanti after us??

Dear Stan and Dick,

I'm trying to figure out where to start my volumes of praise, but I guess this'll do: Entertaining! And from

that, just a question: Is the Yancy Street Gang to be considered evil? I hope not because they're a wonderful source of perplexity! And I wouldn't be at all surprised since we've seen Nick Fury in FF already if Dum-Dum Dugan were a charter member of the YSG (Hm? A final word for one of my favorites—Dr. Strange. How about a review of his career, his beginning, and his progress in his arts. Does the Doc send out autographed pictures?

Dave Wixon, Box 537, Parks College
East St. Louis, Ill.

Uh, uh, Davey—only mental thought images—but you can't frames those! Anyhow, we'll try and run a pin-up of 'im soon. As for the Yancy Streeters, we think they're kinda lovable—but do us a favor and don't tell blue-eyed Benjamin!



Dear Stan and Dick,

I think your magazine STRANGE TALES is fabulous, and Marvel Comics is the greatest thing to happen in the world since the record player! More of your fans should write in and make a top ten poll to see what your best mag's are. Here's my contribution: 1) FF, 2) AVENGERS, 3) X-MEN, 4) STRANGE TALES, 5) SPIDER-MAN, 6) THOR, 7) TALES TO ASTONISH, 8) IRON MAN, 9) SGT. FURY. From what I've heard of America it's a great country and I hope that someday I will visit there. Right now I have other things on my schedule like the fact that we are moving to Australia. I just hope your comics are sold out there!

Paul Brackley, 188 Middle Lane
Hornsey, London, N.8, England

They sure are, Paul—including one which hadn't been on sale in England at the time you wrote your letter. It's called DAREDEVIL. Look for it in down-under land, and thanks for the kind words!

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS SECTION:

—Boy, are we tired! We just finished writing the new letters pages for THOR, TALES TO ASTONISH, TALES OF SUSPENSE, and now THIS one wraps it up! That means we'll have letters pages in every Marvel mag (except the Westerns and female titles) for as long as we can handle the chore! Now do us a favor and write large enough for us to read it, using either a typewriter, ink, or a pencil that writes good and dark. Okay? Now, let's face front...

—The letters on this page were originally parts of other mail addressed to our other titles, but we had to start somewhere, so we're using them for now. And now—a few final words before we close...

—Remember Carl Burgos, who drew the Torch Vs. Beetle tale in STRANGE TALES #123? Well, he's coming back to the bullpen again, and this time he's going to tackle Giant-Man in ASTONISH #62. We'll be anxious to get your opinion, as usual (And remember—next STRANGE TALES has a real, honest to goodness mystery villain!)

—A final word—see if you can guess what M.M.M.S. stands for? It's just a new little gimmick we dreamed up to drive you batty—but it's going to be very important to all of us Marvel madmen in the future! So, till we meet next ish, don't play with radioactive modeling clay—and keep your amulet polished and clean!

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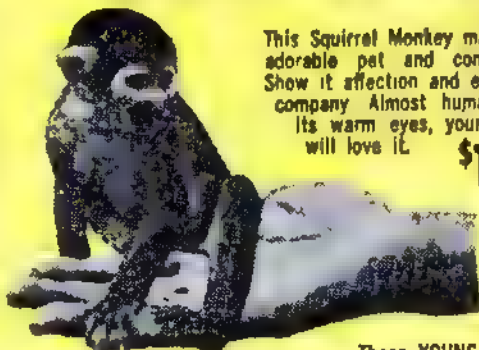
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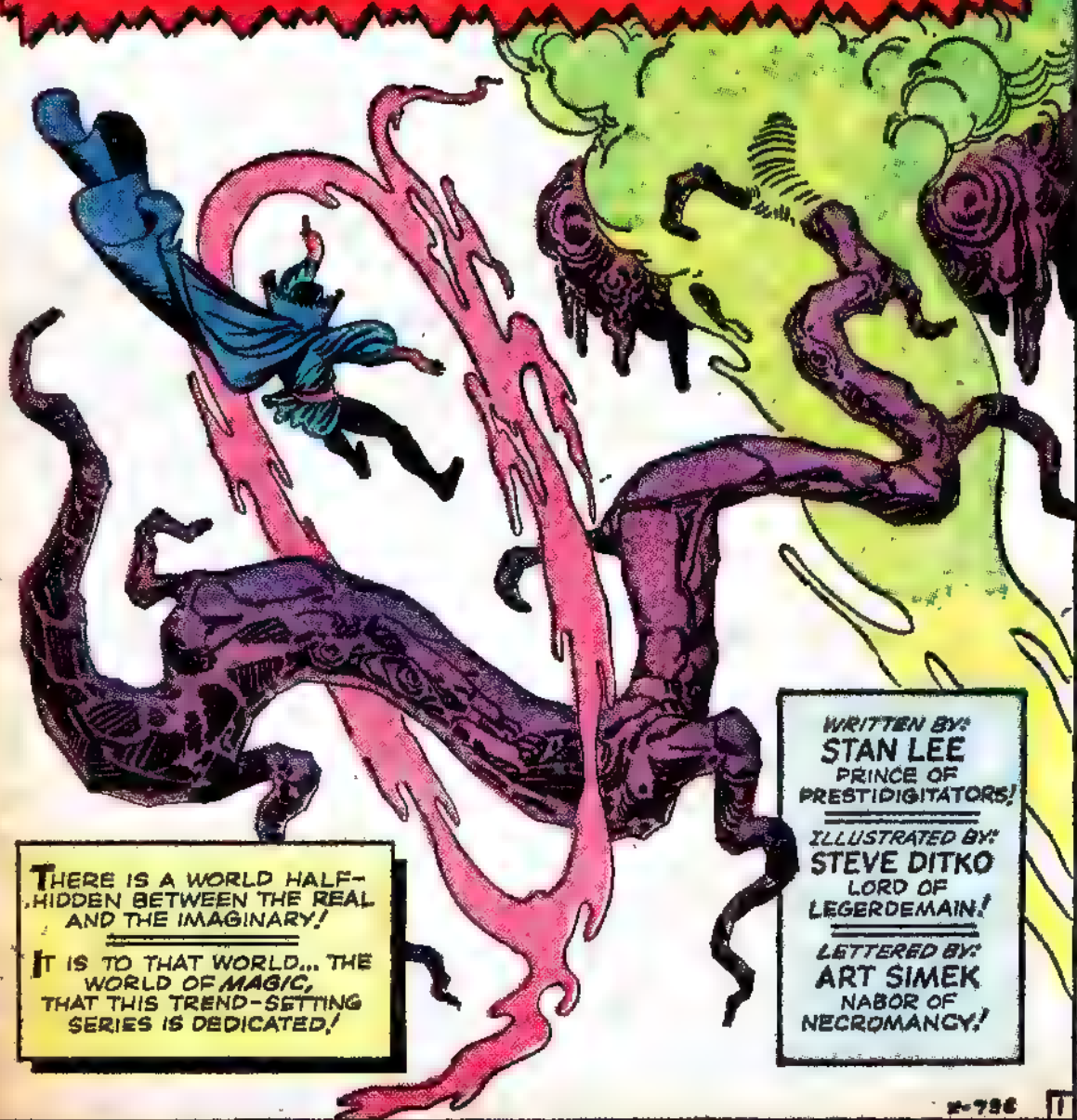
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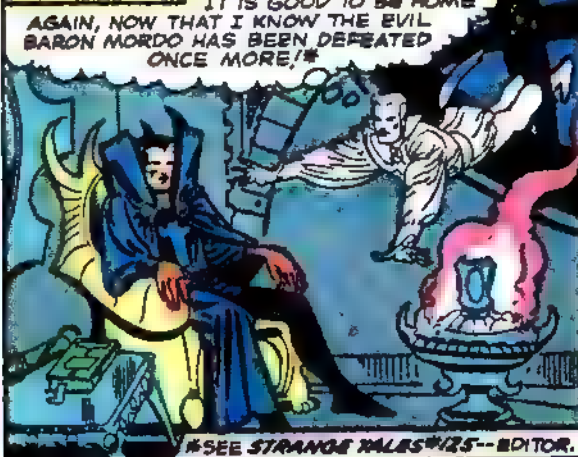
IT IS TO THAT WORLD... THE
WORLD OF MAGIC,
THAT THIS TREND-SETTING
SERIES IS DEDICATED!

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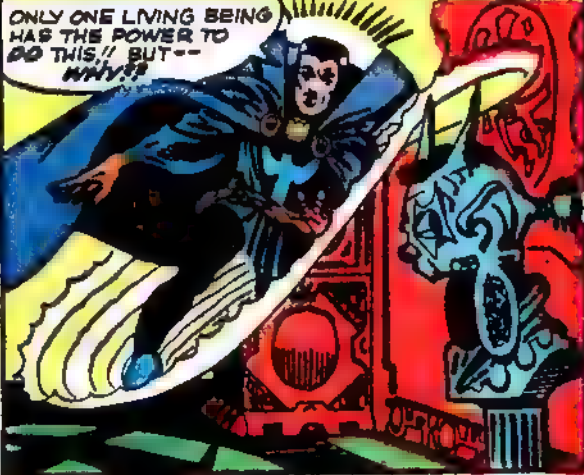
LETTERED BY:
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NECROMANCY!

IT IS MIDNIGHT! THE CITY IS STILL! THE SILENCE IS THICK! THE SKY IS DARK AND STARLESS, AS THE ECTOPLASMIC FORM OF DR. STRANGE DRIFTS THRU HIS WINDOW TO REUNITE WITH HIS PHYSICAL FORM!

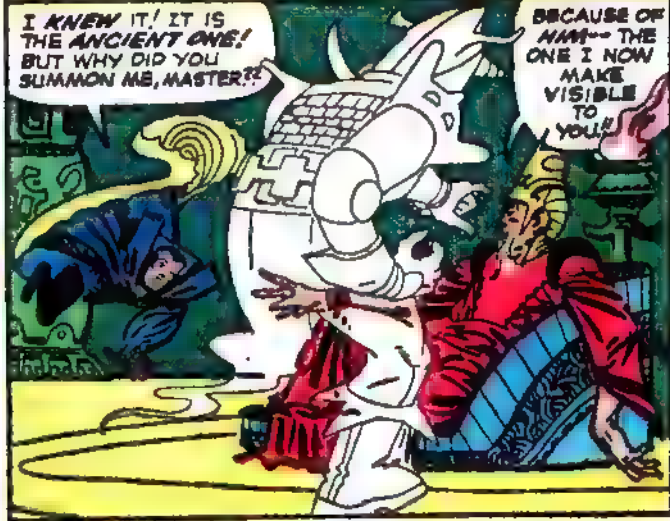


#SEE STRANGE TALES#125--EDITOR.

BUT, NO SOONER DOES THE MAN OF MYSTERY ATTAIN HIS MORTAL BODY, THEN HE FINDS HIMSELF IN THE GRIP OF A SPELL SO POWERFUL HE DARES NOT EVEN THINK ITS NAME!



HALF WAY AROUND THE WORLD, IN WHAT SEEMS THE WINK OF AN EYE, DR. STRANGE RECEIVES HIS ANSWER...



I KNEW IT! IT IS THE ANCIENT ONE! BUT WHY DID YOU SUMMON ME, MASTER??

BECAUSE OF HIM-- THE ONE I NOW MAKE VISIBLE TO YOU!



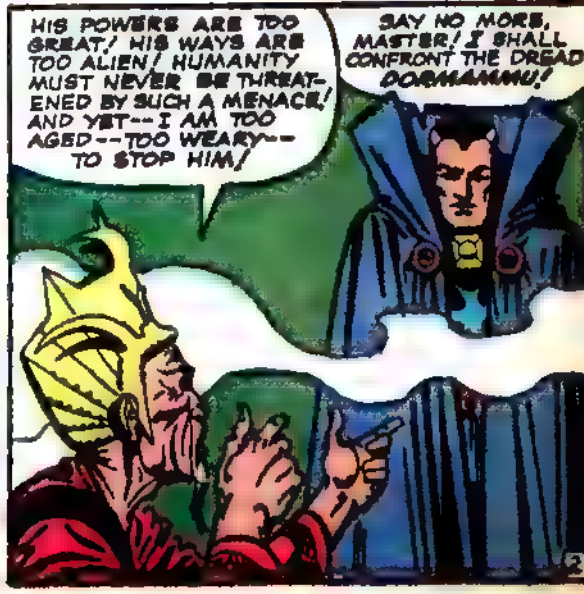
A SPIRIT FORM! DOES HE DARE TO MENACE YOU, MASTER??

NO, MY SON! HE IS MERELY A MESSENGER --FROM THE DREAD DORMAMMU!!



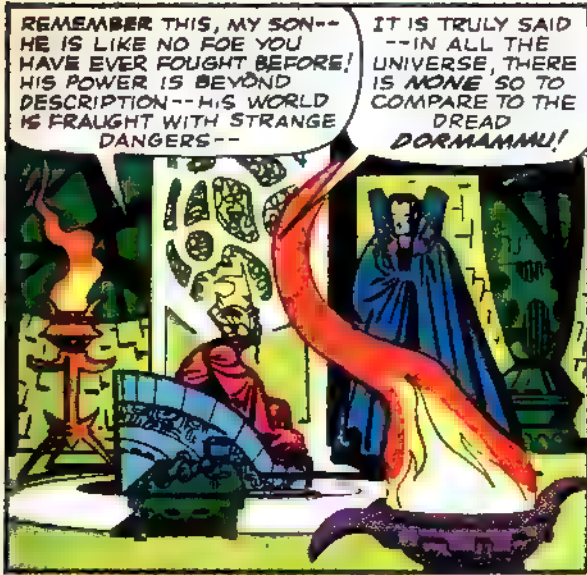
THE DREAD DORMAMMU!! MOST POWERFUL OF THE DWELLERS IN THE REALM OF DARKNESS!! WHAT DOES HE SEEK OF US?

HE THREATENS TO LEAVE THE DARK REALM--TO ENTER THE WORLD OF MAN! BUT THAT MUST NEVER BE!



HIS POWERS ARE TOO GREAT! HIS WAYS ARE TOO ALIEN! HUMANITY MUST NEVER BE THREATENED BY SUCH A MENACE! AND YET-- I AM TOO AGED--TOO WEARY--TO STOP HIM!

SAY NO MORE, MASTER! I SHALL CONFRONT THE DREAD DORMAMMU!



REMEMBER THIS, MY SON--
HE IS LIKE NO FOE YOU
HAVE EVER FOUGHT BEFORE!
HIS POWER IS BEYOND
DESCRIPTION--HIS WORLD
IS FRAUGHT WITH STRANGE
DANGERS--

IT IS TRULY SAID
--IN ALL THE
UNIVERSE, THERE
IS *NONE* SO TO
COMPARE TO THE
DREAD
DORMAMMU!



EVEN *I*, AT THE HEIGHT
OF MY POWER, WAS
UNABLE TO DEFEAT
HIM! IF YOU SHOULD
FAIL--THERE CAN BE
NO HELP FOR YOU!!

I DARE *NOT* FAIL,
MASTER!! TOO MUCH
IS AT STAKE!!



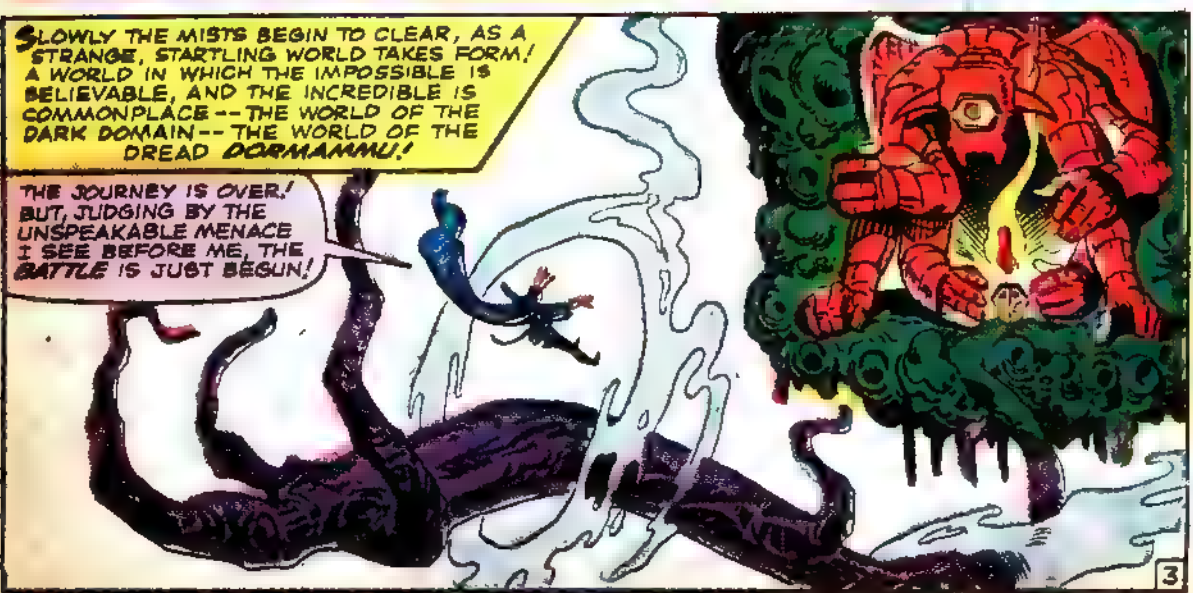
SO BE IT, THEN!! BY THE
SHADES OF THE SERAPHIM--
IN THE NAME OF THE ALL-
SEEING AGAMOTTO--



-- I DISPATCH THEE TO--
THE DOMAIN OF THE
DREAD *DORMAMMU!!!*

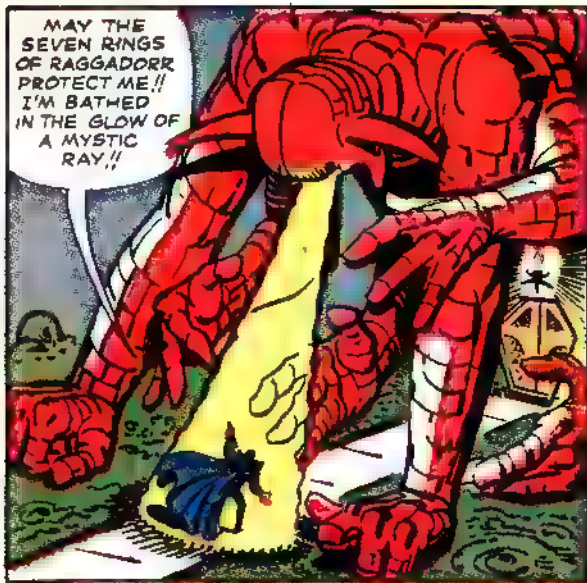


IT IS *DONE!!* THERE
CAN BE NO TURNING
BACK!! I AM COMMITTED
TO THE BATTLE OF MY
LIFE!!

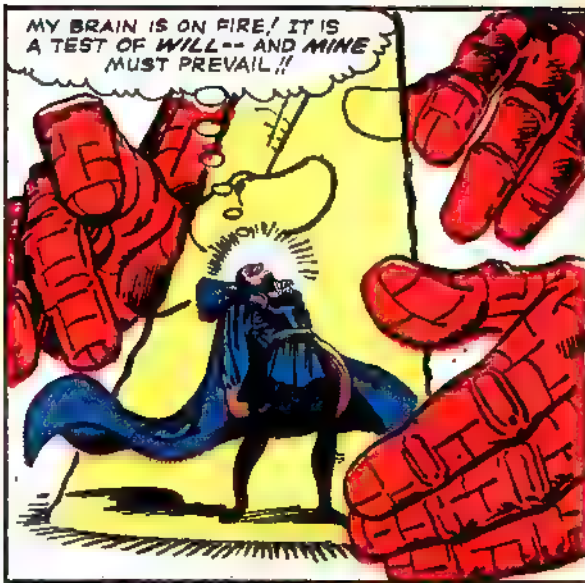


SLOWLY THE MISTS BEGIN TO CLEAR, AS A
STRANGE, STARTLING WORLD TAKES FORM!
A WORLD IN WHICH THE IMPOSSIBLE IS
BELIEVABLE, AND THE INCREDIBLE IS
COMMONPLACE--THE WORLD OF THE
DARK DOMAIN--THE WORLD OF THE
DREAD *DORMAMMU!*

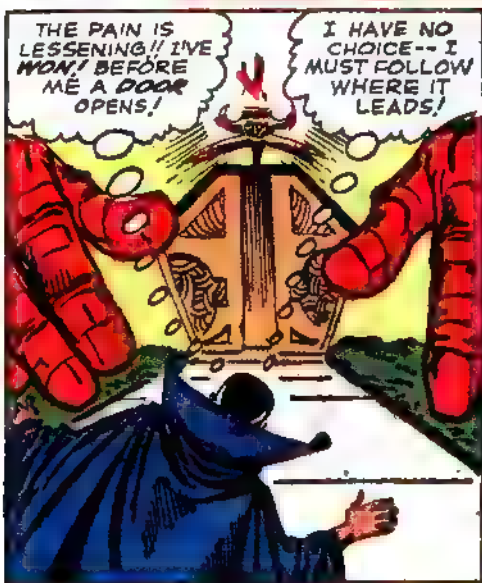
THE JOURNEY IS OVER!
BUT, JUDGING BY THE
UNSPEAKABLE MENACE
I SEE BEFORE ME, THE
BATTLE IS JUST BEGUN!



MAY THE SEVEN RINGS OF RAGGADORR PROTECT ME!! I'M BATHED IN THE GLOW OF A MYSTIC RAY!!

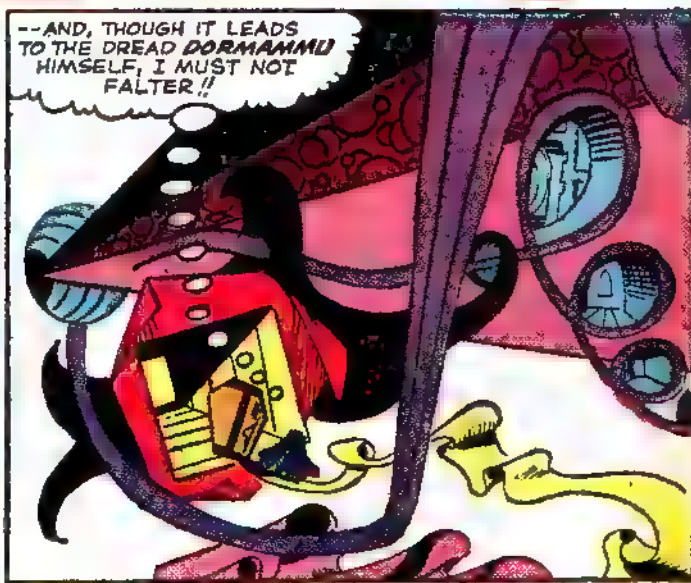


MY BRAIN IS ON FIRE! IT IS A TEST OF WILL-- AND MINE MUST PREVAIL!!

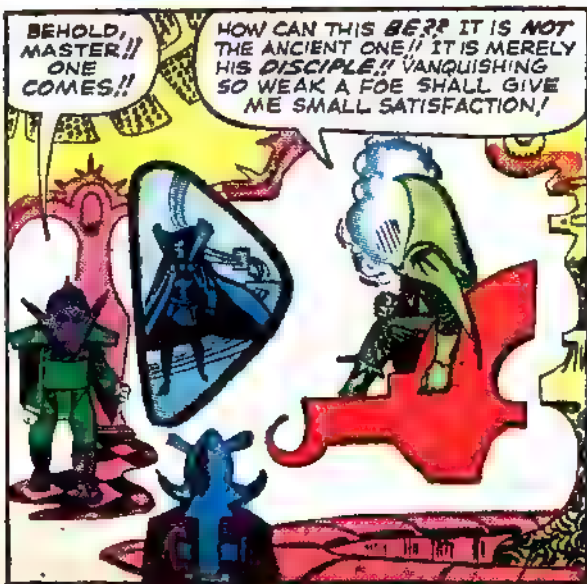


THE PAIN IS LESSENING!! I'VE WON! BEFORE ME A DOOR OPENS!

I HAVE NO CHOICE-- I MUST FOLLOW WHERE IT LEADS!

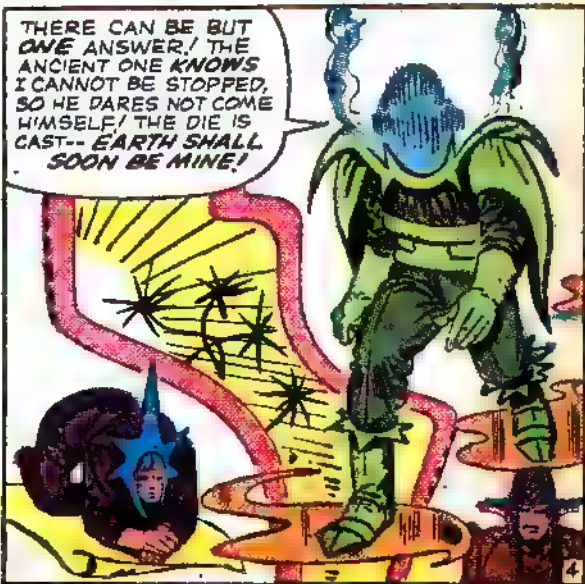


--AND, THOUGH IT LEADS TO THE DREAD DORMAMMU HIMSELF, I MUST NOT FALTER!!

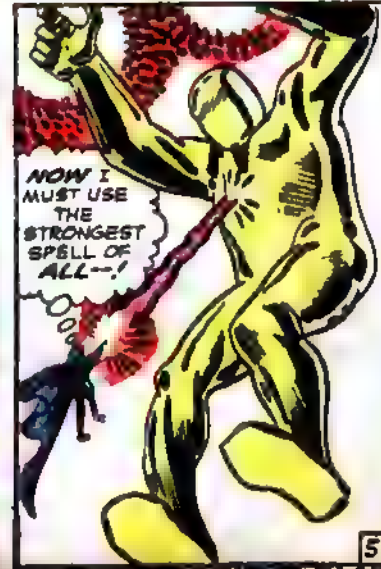
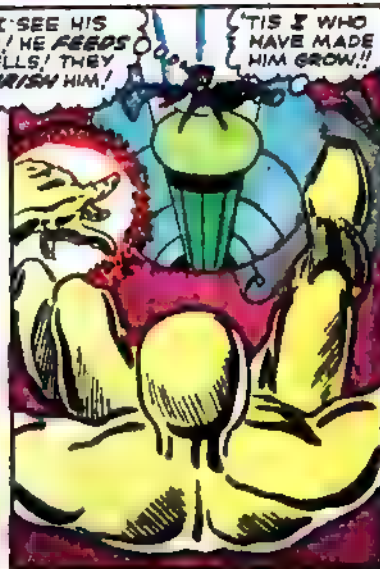
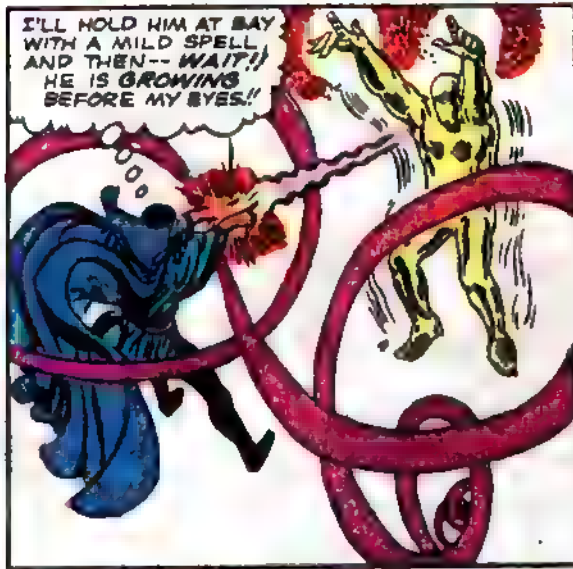
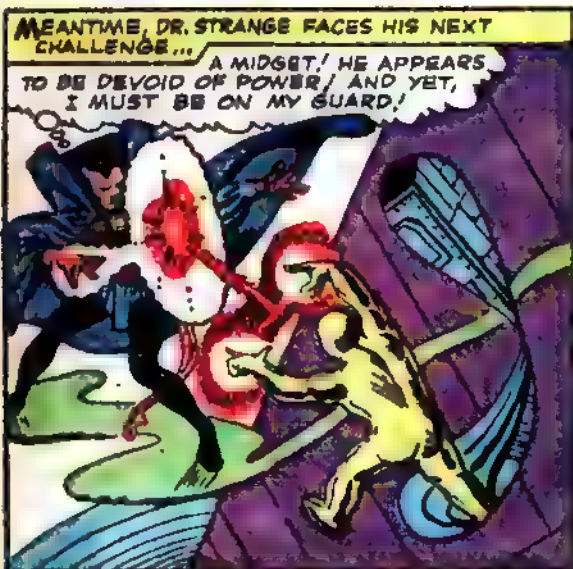
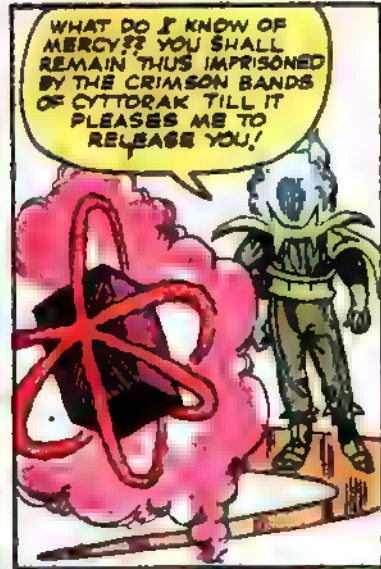
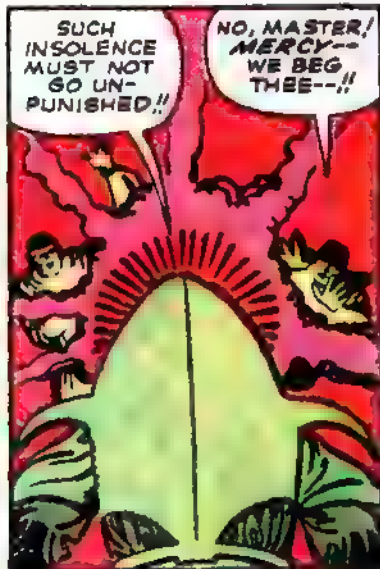
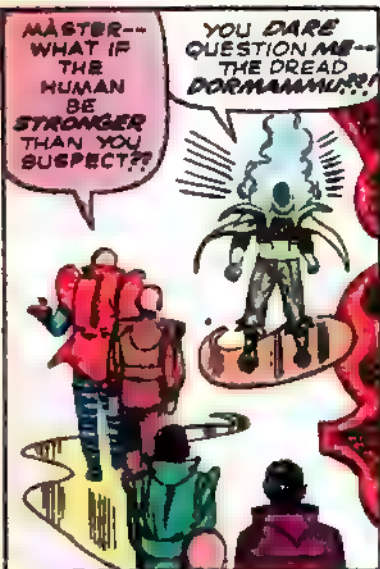


BEHOLD, MASTER!! ONE COMES!!

HOW CAN THIS BE?? IT IS NOT THE ANCIENT ONE!! IT IS MERELY HIS DISCIPLE!! VANQUISHING SO WEAK A FOE SHALL GIVE ME SMALL SATISFACTION!



THERE CAN BE BUT ONE ANSWER! THE ANCIENT ONE KNOWS I CANNOT BE STOPPED, SO HE DARES NOT COME HIMSELF! THE DIE IS CAST-- EARTH SHALL SOON BE MINE!



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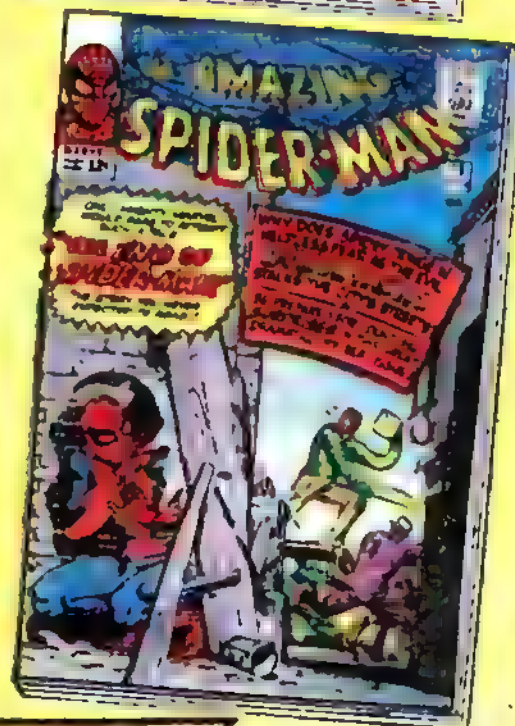
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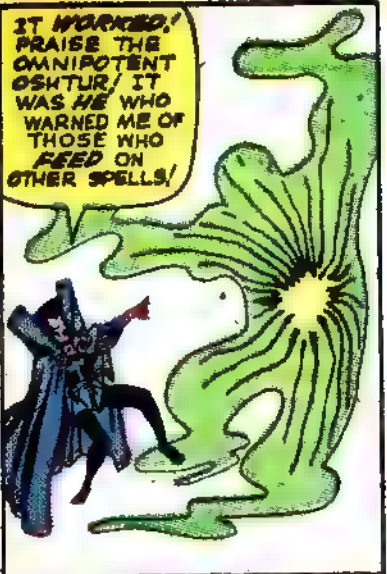
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IT WORKED! PRAISE THE OMNIPOTENT OSHUR! IT WAS HE WHO WARNED ME OF THOSE WHO FEED ON OTHER SPELLS!



BUT, OTHER EYES ARE WATCHING...

SO! THAT IS THE HUMAN CREATURE WHO DARES DEFEY DORMAMMU!!

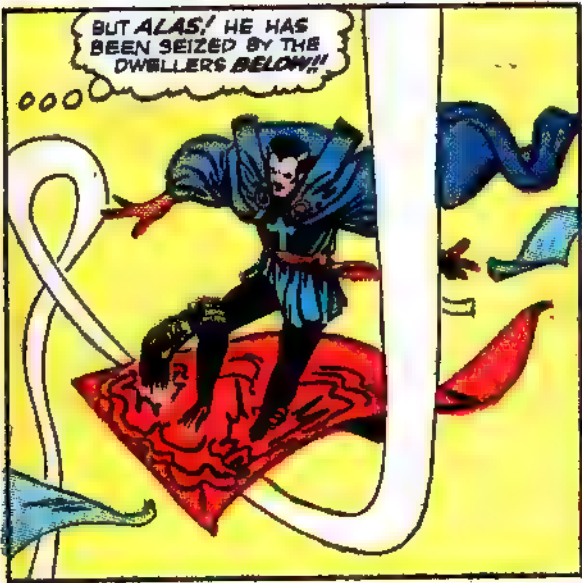


I HAVE HEARD FATHER SPEAK OF AN ANCIENT ONE WHO BATTLED DORMAMMU LONG AGO! IT CANNOT BE THE SAME ONE!

FOR HE IS YOUNG-- AND FAIR TO BEHOLD!



BUT ALAS! HE HAS BEEN SEIZED BY THE DWELLERS BELOW!!

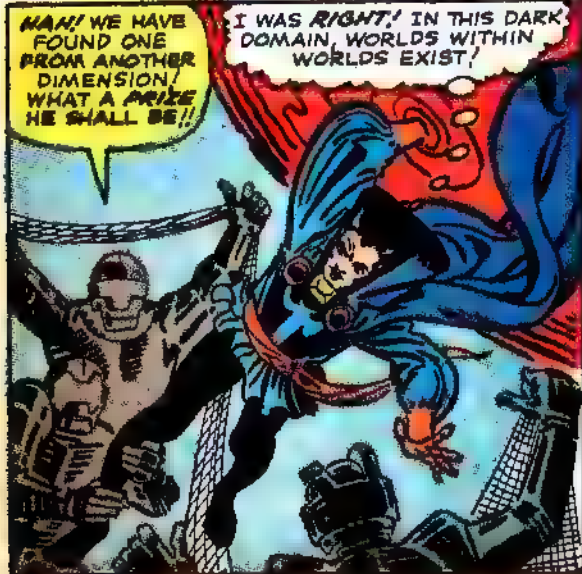


I'M BEING DRAWN DOWN INTO THIS TWO-DIMENSIONAL OBJECT-- AS THOUGH SOME SORT OF LIFE EXISTS BELOW IT!!

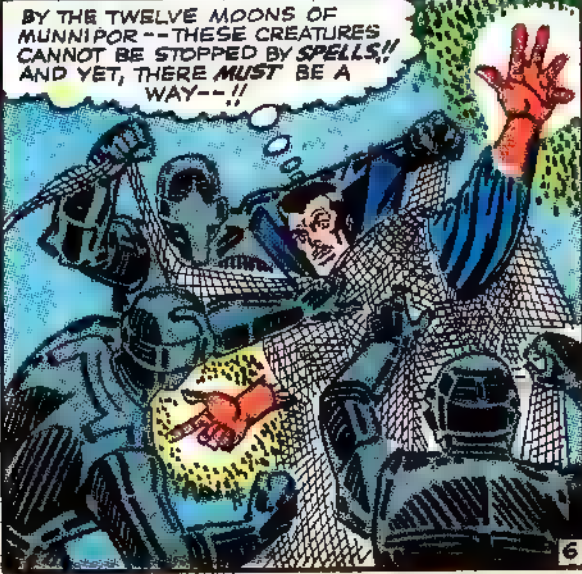


HAH! WE HAVE FOUND ONE FROM ANOTHER DIMENSION! WHAT A PRIZE HE SHALL BE!!

I WAS RIGHT! IN THIS DARK DOMAIN, WORLDS WITHIN WORLDS EXIST!



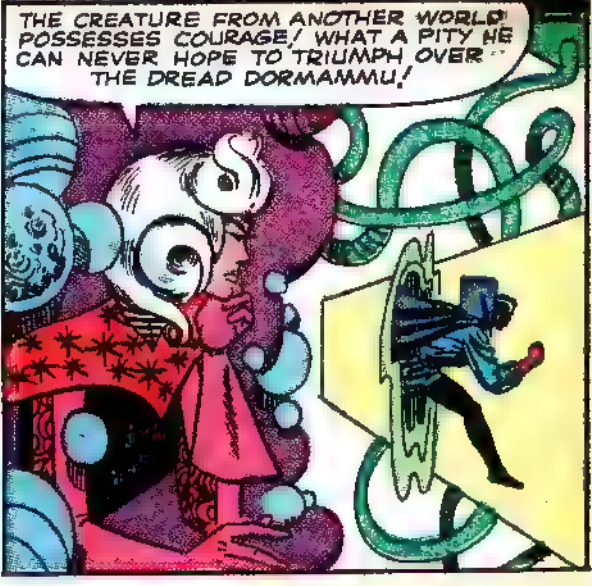
BY THE TWELVE MOONS OF MUNNIPOR -- THESE CREATURES CANNOT BE STOPPED BY SPELLS!! AND YET, THERE MUST BE A WAY--!!





OF COURSE!! THE ONE WEAPON WHICH NEVER FAILS ME!! MY ENCHANTED AMULET!

DWELLERS IN THE REALM OF DARKNESS CANNOT RESIST ITS GLEAMING, GLISTENING BEACON!!



THE CREATURE FROM ANOTHER WORLD POSSESSES COURAGE! WHAT A PITY HE CAN NEVER HOPE TO TRIUMPH OVER THE DREAD DORMAMMU!

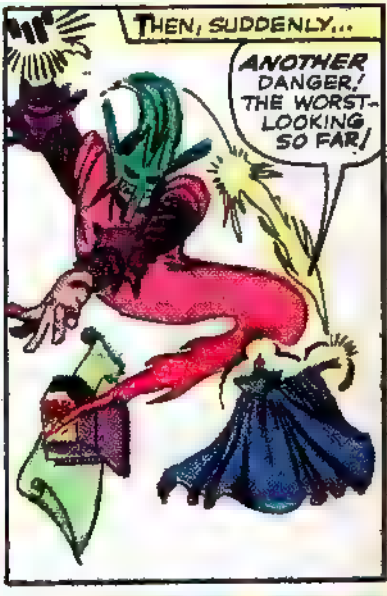


WHY DOES HE CONTINUE ON?? SURELY BY NOW HE CAN SEE HOW HOPELESS IT IS!

BACK!! GO BACK, NOBLE HUMAN!

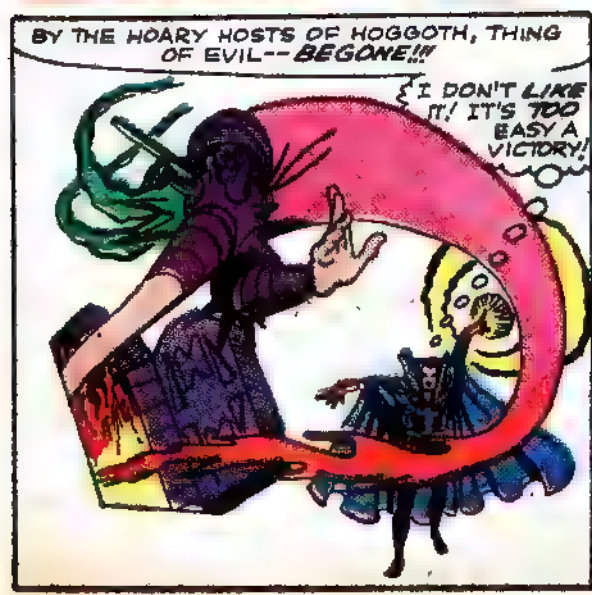


ODD-- I FEEL AS THOUGH I'M BEING WATCHED-- AS THOUGH A VOICE INSIDE ME IS URGING ME TO GO BACK!



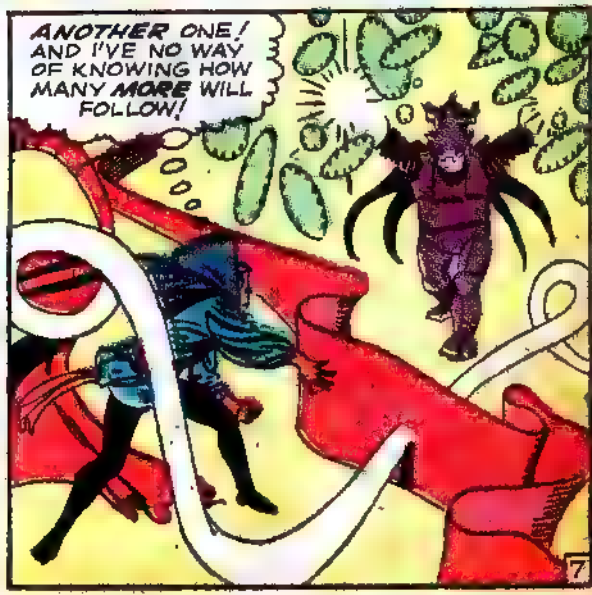
THEN, SUDDENLY...

ANOTHER DANGER! THE WORST-LOOKING SO FAR!



BY THE HOARY HOSTS OF HOGGOTH, THING OF EVIL-- BEGONE!!

I DON'T LIKE IT! IT'S TOO EASY A VICTORY!



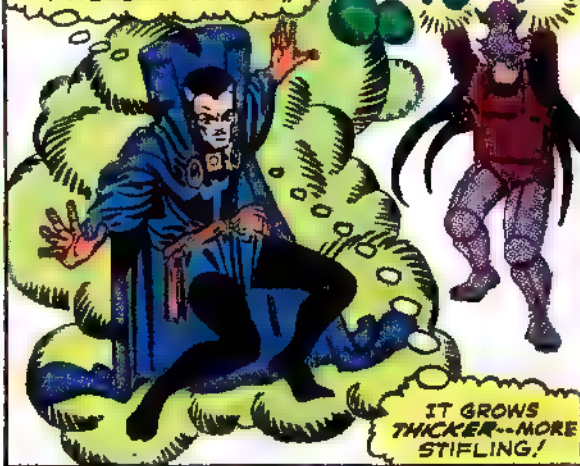
ANOTHER ONE! AND I'VE NO WAY OF KNOWING HOW MANY MORE WILL FOLLOW!

THE BUBBLES
HE HAS THROWN
ARE FORMING A
POCKET AROUND
ME!

NOW I KNOW WHY THE
OTHER WAS SO EASY TO
VANQUISH!! IT WAS TO
THROW ME OFF-GUARD
FOR THIS NEW MENACE!

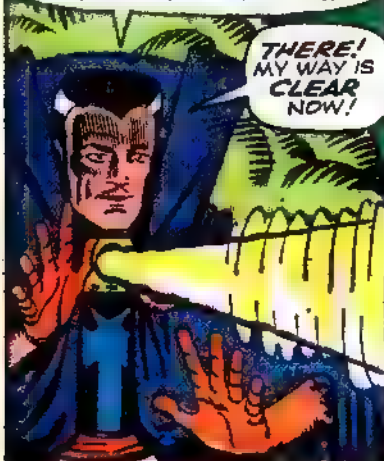


I CANNOT BREAK FREE!!
MY VERY SPELLS THEM-
SELVES SEEM UNABLE
TO PENETRATE THIS
AWESOME SCREEN!!



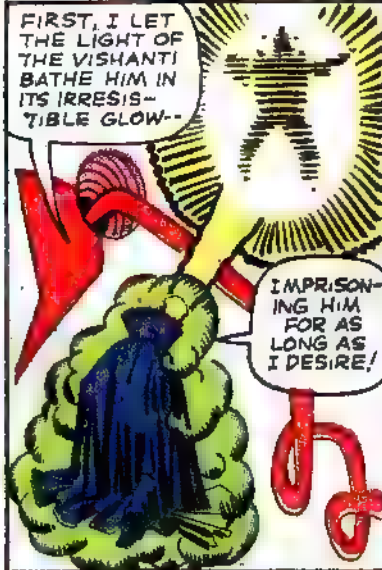
IT GROWS
THICKER--MORE
STIFLING!

BUT, IF I COULD CUT A HOLE
IN THE SCREEN-- A PATH FOR
MY SPELLS TO GO THRU-- ONCE
MORE I MUST CALL UPON MY
ENCHANTED AMULET!!



THERE!
MY WAY IS
CLEAR
NOW!

FIRST, I LET
THE LIGHT OF
THE VISHANTI
BATHE HIM IN
ITS IRRESIS-
TIBLE GLOW--

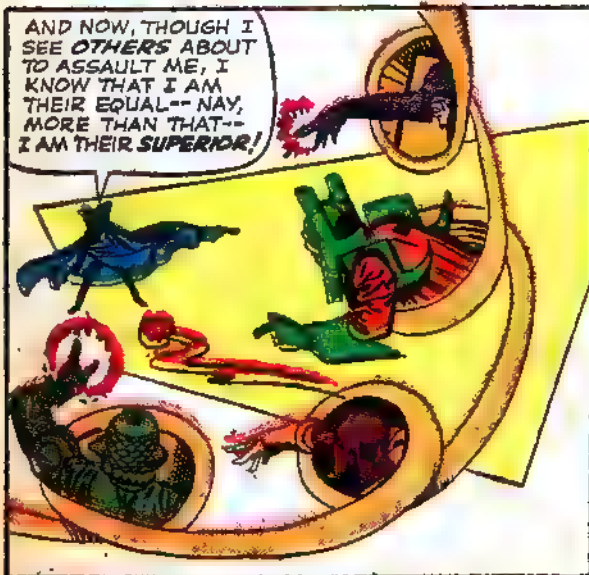


IMPRISON-
ING HIM
FOR AS
LONG AS
I DESIRE!

NEXT, I DISPEL THE POCKET
AROUND ME-- REPLACING
IT WITH THE VAPORS OF
VALTORR!!



AND NOW, THOUGH I
SEE OTHERS ABOUT
TO ASSAULT ME, I
KNOW THAT I AM
THEIR EQUAL-- NAY,
MORE THAN THAT--
I AM THEIR SUPERIOR!



NEVER HAVE I SEEN SUCH A ONE!!
HE VANQUISHES THOSE WHO OPPOSE
HIM AS IF HE'S THE DREAD DORMAMMU
HIMSELF!



AND, AT THAT VERY INSTANT, THE MONARCH OF THE DARK DOMAIN GIVES VENT TO HIS UNCONTROLLABLE RAGE--

SO! YOU ALLOWED YOURSELVES TO BE DEFEATED BY A LONE INTRUDER!!

MERCY, MASTER! WE DID OUR BEST!

SILENCE! I BANISH YOU ALL TO LIMBO! THE VERY SIGHT OF YOU IS OFFENSIVE TO MY EYES!

WHEN THE INTRUDER IS SLAIN, YOU SHALL RETURN! BUT, NOT AN INSTANT BEFORE!

AND NOW, I MYSELF SHALL DEAL WITH THE ONE FROM THE WORLD CALLED EARTH! LET HIM BE BROUGHT TO ME!!

NO SOONER HAS THE THOUGHT TAKEN FORM, THAN A MYSTIC PATH APPEARS, LEADING TO THE DREAD DORMAMMU!

NEVER HAVE I SENSED SUCH RAGE, SUCH FURY IN THE HEART OF DORMAMMU! THE VALIANT STRANGER WALKS TO HIS DOOM!!

COME FORWARD, YOU OF THE OUTER WORLD!! I WISH TO LOOK UPON YOUR FEATURES--BEFORE YOU DIE!

I SENSE SOMEONE BEHIND ME! I WAS RIGHT! IT'S-- A GIRL!

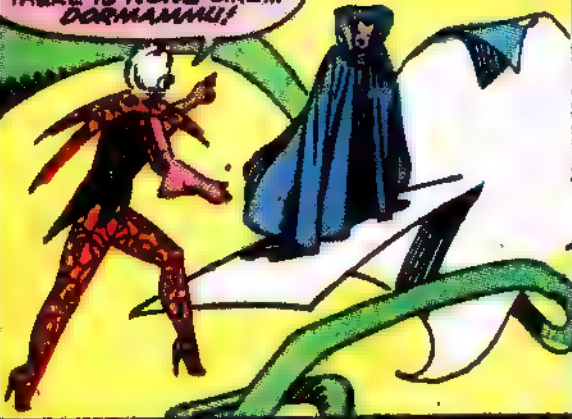
STOP! YOU MUST GO NO FURTHER! THE DREAD DORMAMMU WAITS TO SLAY YOU!

I AM AWARE OF THAT!

BUT YOU CANNOT SUSPECT HOW POWERFUL HE IS! YOU THROW AWAY YOUR LIFE BY FACING HIM!

I HAVE PLEDGED MY LIFE TO BATTLING EVIL!
THERE CAN BE NO GREATER CALLING!

BUT YOU CANNOT KNOW
WHAT YOU WILL FACE!
IN ALL THE UNIVERSE,
THERE IS NONE LIKE...
DORMAMMU!



THAT IS WHY I MUST NOT SHIRK, NOR FALTER!
DORMAMMU MUST NEVER SET FOOT UPON THE
PLANET EARTH!

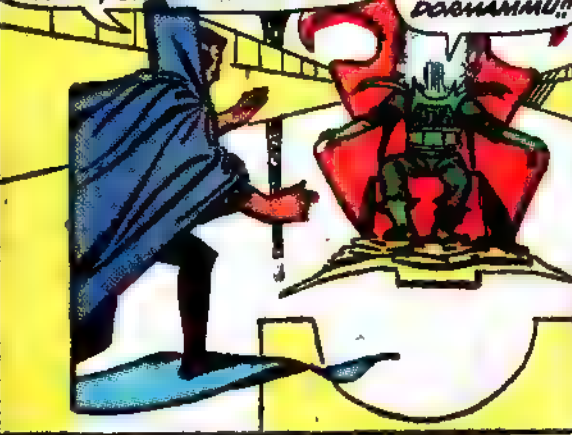
WHY DID I TRY TO WARN
HIM? DORMAMMU'S WRATH
WOULD HAVE BEEN
UNBEARABLE!



FINALLY, THE TWO ADVERSARIES FROM TWO DIFFER-
ENT WORLDS STAND BEFORE EACH OTHER!

I HAVE BROUGHT YOU A MESSAGE
FROM THE ANCIENT ONE! YOU ARE
FORBIDDEN TO SET FOOT ON
EARTH, UNDER PENALTY OF---

ENOUGH!!
NONE SPEAK
THUS IN THE
PRESENCE OF
DORMAMMU!!



YOU ARE MERELY
A MESSENGER!
I DISCUSS NOTHING
WITH UNDERLINGS!
SEND ME THE
ANCIENT ONE!

I SHALL PERMIT
YOU TO LIVE A
FEW MOMENTS
LONGER UNTIL
HE ENTERS!

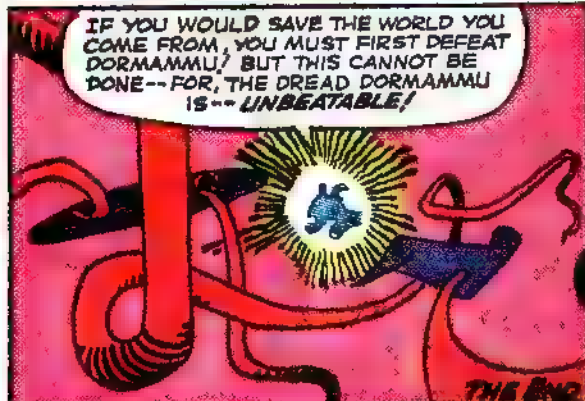


IT IS WITH ME YOU SHALL DEAL!
IF YOU WISH TO ATTACK THE
ANCIENT ONE, IT CANNOT BE DONE
WHILE I STILL LIVE!

THEN
REMEMBER
THOSE FOOL-
HARDY
WORDS,
HUMAN! THEY
SHALL BE
AMONG THE
LAST YOU
EVER UTTER!



IF YOU WOULD SAVE THE WORLD YOU
COME FROM, YOU MUST FIRST DEFEAT
DORMAMMU! BUT THIS CANNOT BE
DONE--FOR, THE DREAD DORMAMMU
IS--**UNBEATABLE!**



THE END

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WORLDS OF BLACK MAGIC--DOCTOR STRANGE IS
FACING THE FIGHT OF HIS LIFE! AND WE SHALL
BRING YOU THE COMPLETE CHRONICLE OF THAT
NEVER-TO-BE-FORGOTTEN BATTLE NEXT ISSUE!
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Some of the people Dorne has helped

Herb Smith was a payroll clerk. Soon after he started studying with us, he landed an art job with a large printing firm. This was four years ago; today he's head artist for the same firm.

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Harriet Kuzniewski was bored with an "ordinary" job before she heard of Albert Dorne. Today she does high-style fashion illustration in New York.

With the right training, Wanda Pickulski gave up her typing job to become fashion artist for a local department store.

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Long before Albert Dorne started looking for people who like to draw, they came to him for advice and help. Since he alone could only help a few of these people he called together America's most successful artists — men like Norman Rockwell, Jon Whitcomb, Stevan Dohanos and Al Parker.

A Plan to Help Others

He said: "All over America, there are people who like to draw, who could be turned into good artists. Why can't we give these people the training they need—including all the trade secrets and know-how we've learned over the years? I'm suggesting a new kind of school—a home-study art school

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